

A FEW DECADES OF SLR DATA FOR THE LONG WAVELENGTHS OF THE EARTH'S GRAVITY FIELD

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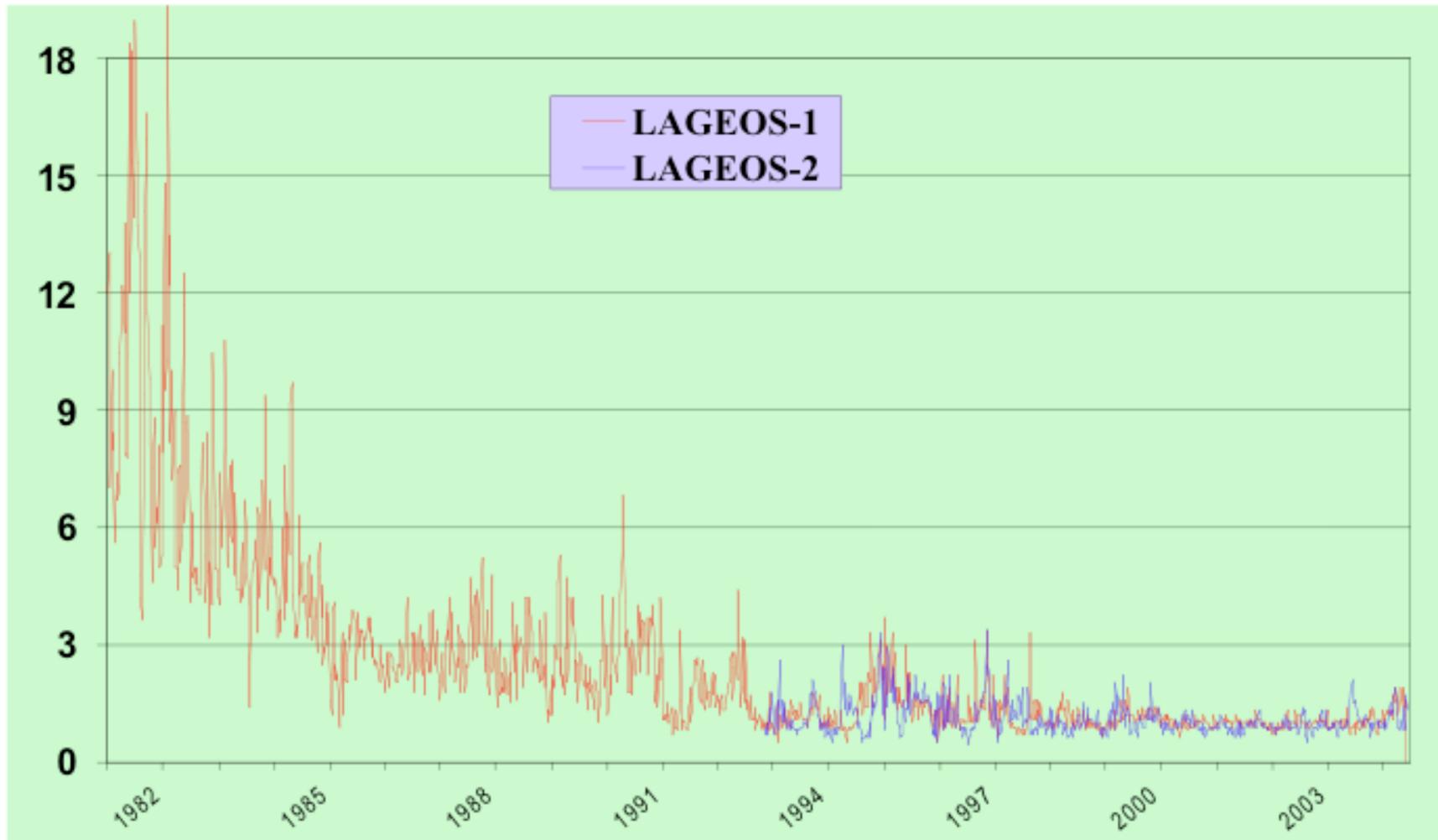
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SLR among other geodetic technics

C	LLR	VLBI	SLR	GPS/ GALILEO	DORIS
Celestial frame		***			
Solar system tie	***	*			
Terrestrial tie					
<i>Precession-Nutation</i>	**	***	*	*	
<i>Universal Time</i>	*	***			
Earth Rotation					
<i>Length of Day</i>		***	*	**	
<i>Polar motion</i>		***	**	***	*
Terrestrial frame					
<i>Network homogeneity</i>	*	*	**	***	
<i>Center of mass (GM)</i>		***	*	*	*
<i>Center of figure</i>	**				
<i>Tectonic motion</i>	***	**	***	***	
<i>Densification</i>		*	***		**
Orbitography: high satellites					
<i>GPS/GALILEO -like</i>		*	***		
<i>LAGEOS, ETALON -like</i>			***		
Orbitography: low satellites					
<i>TOPEX/Poseidon, Jason-1, Jason-2</i>		**	***	***	
<i>ERS, ENVISAT – like</i>		**	***	***	
<i>CHAMP, GRACE – like</i>		*	***		
Gravity field					
<i>Long wavelengths</i>		***	**	*	
<i>Short wavelengths</i>		**	***	**	

Residuals analysis

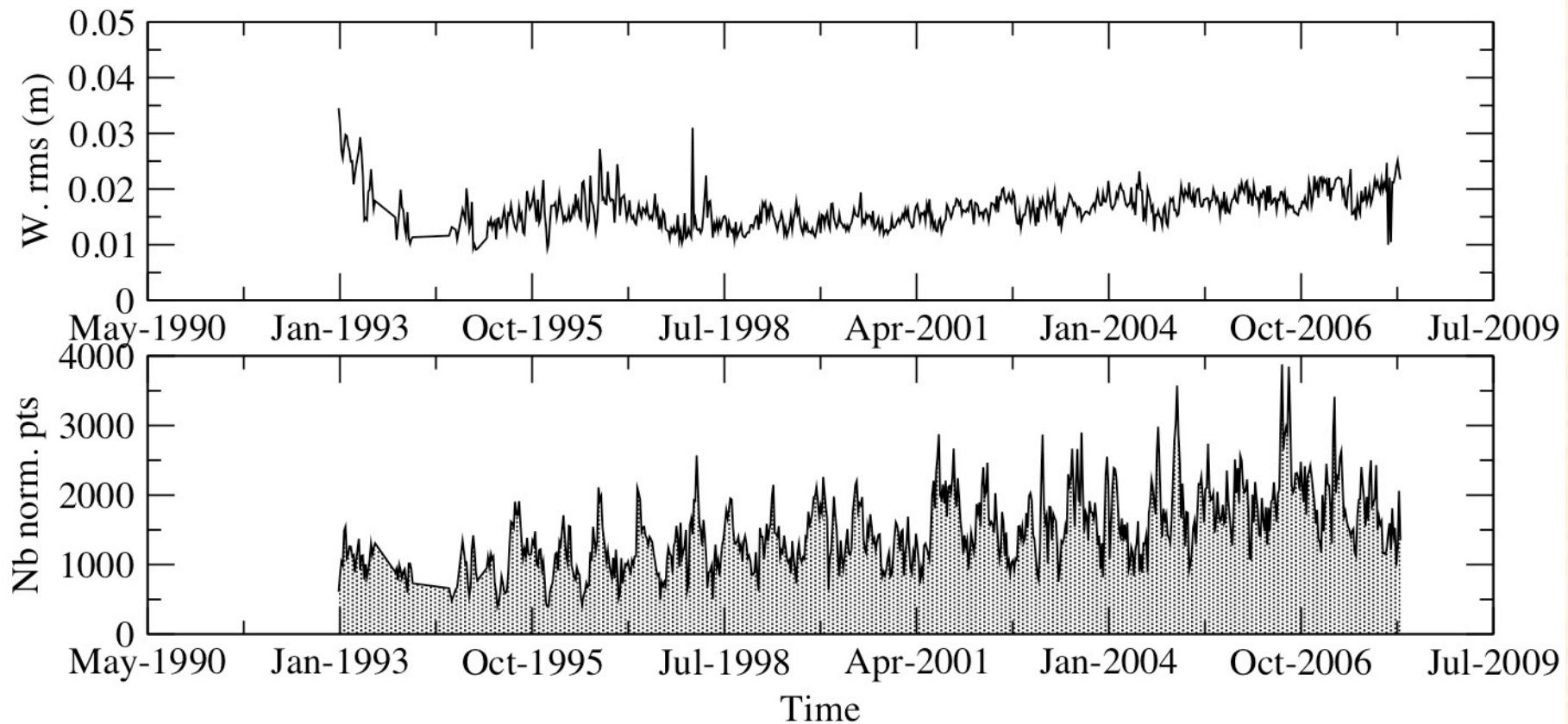
Weekly Orbital Fit [cm]



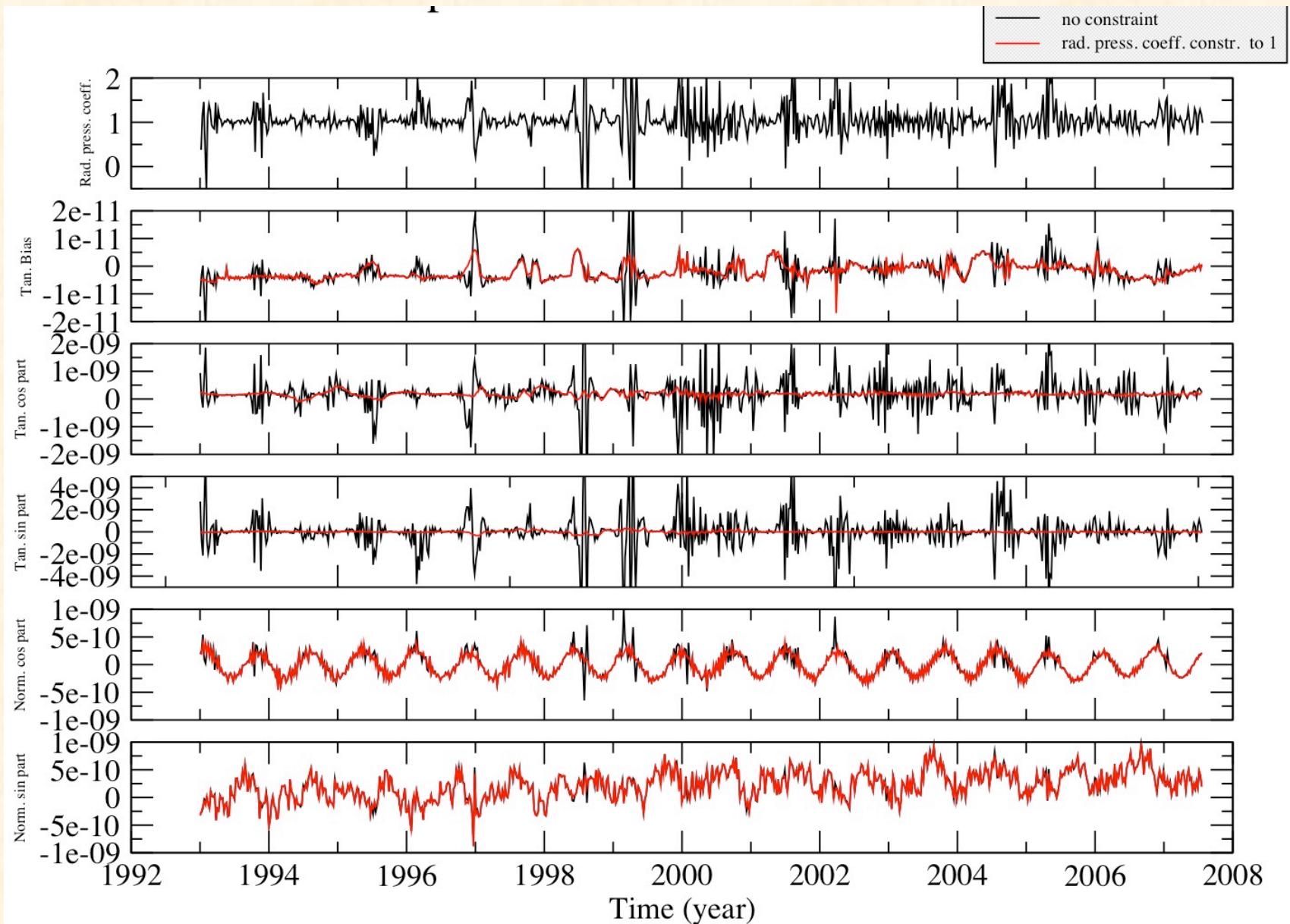
Our own analysis

- LAGEOS modelling

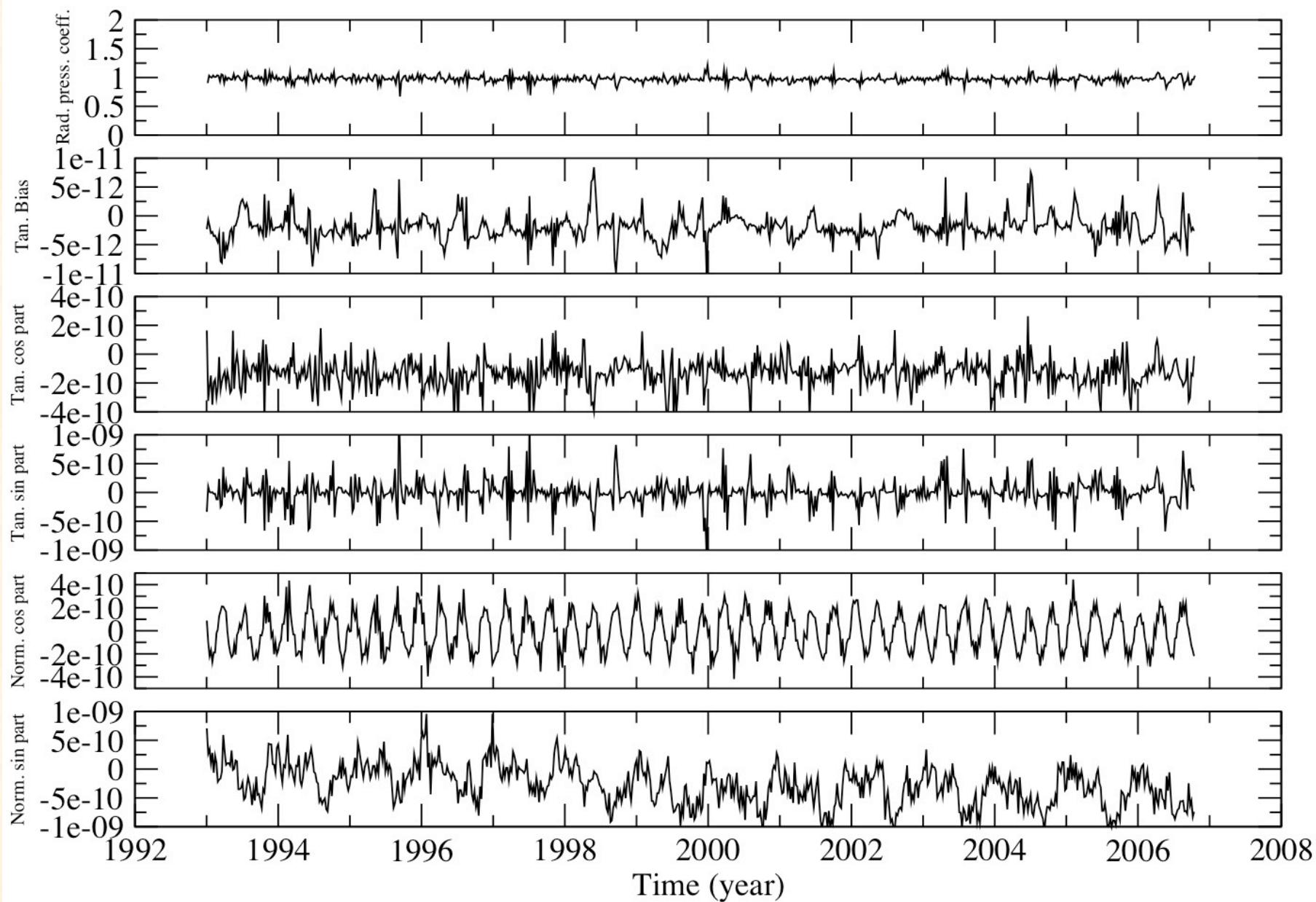
LAGEOS2: residuals



LA1: time series of empirical coefficients



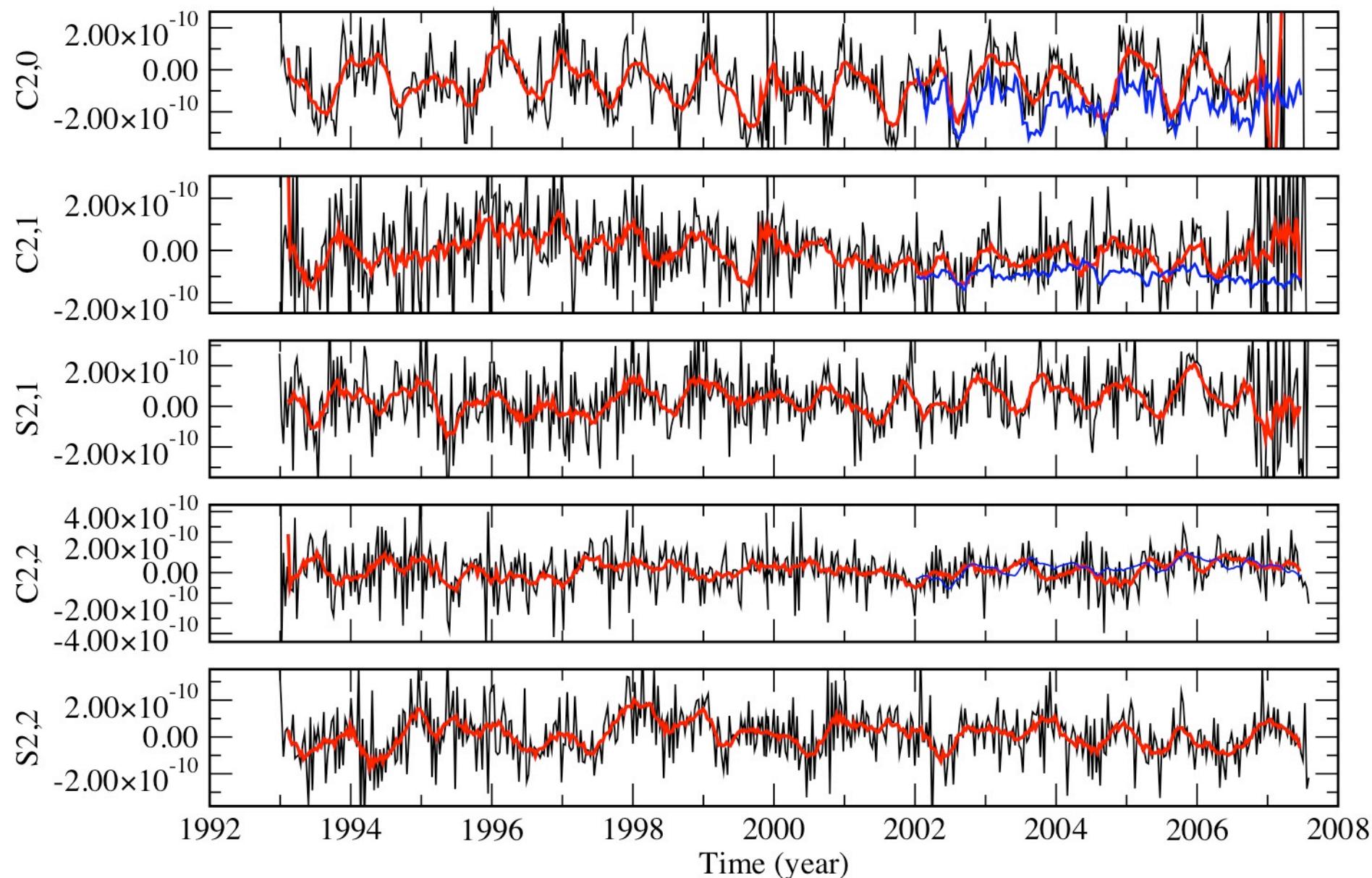
LA2: time series of empirical coefficients



Time series: Degree 2

Osculating orbits (deg2 to 5): 1x LA1, 1x LA2

— this study
— running average
— LAGEOS+GRACE

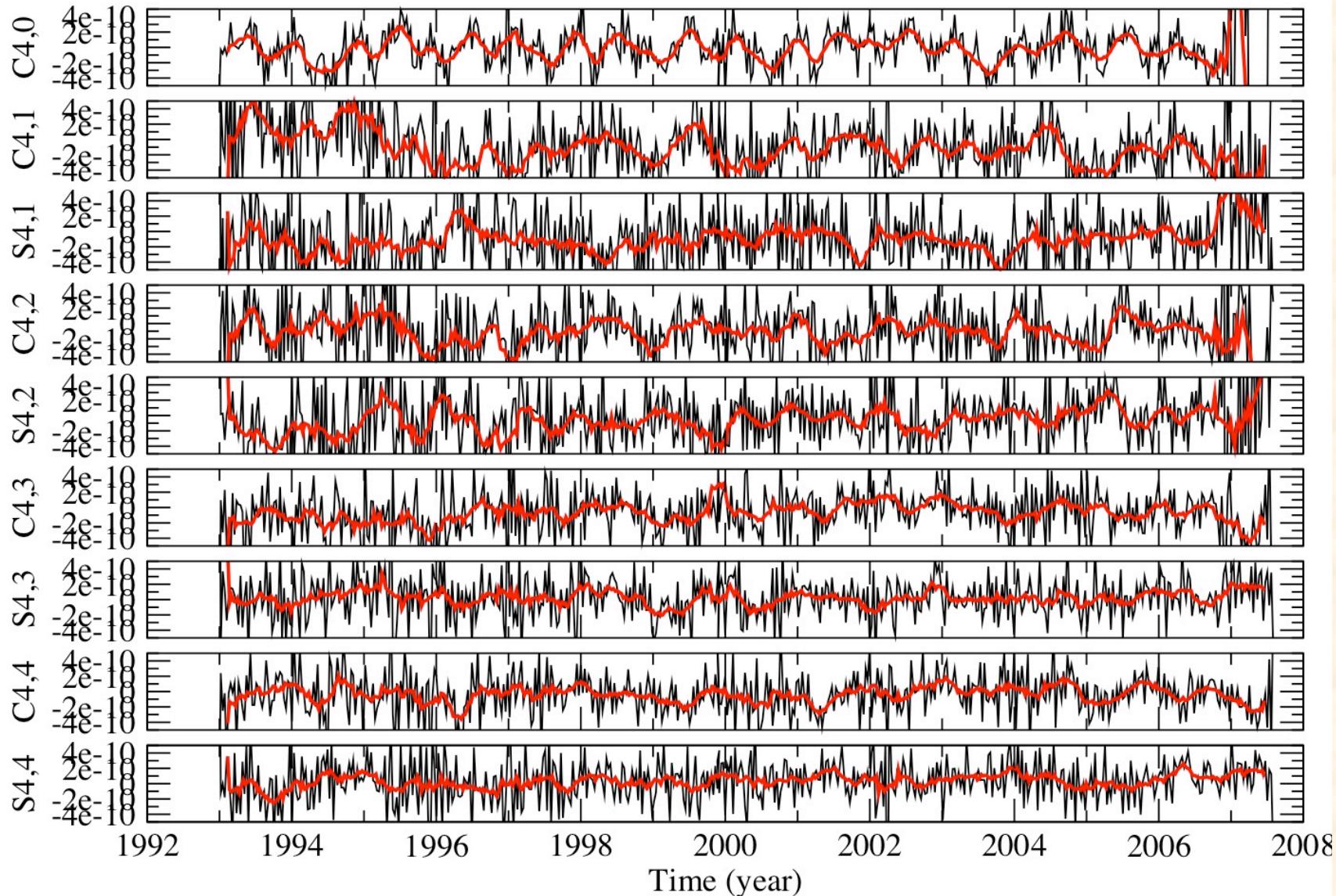


Geopotential: Degree 4

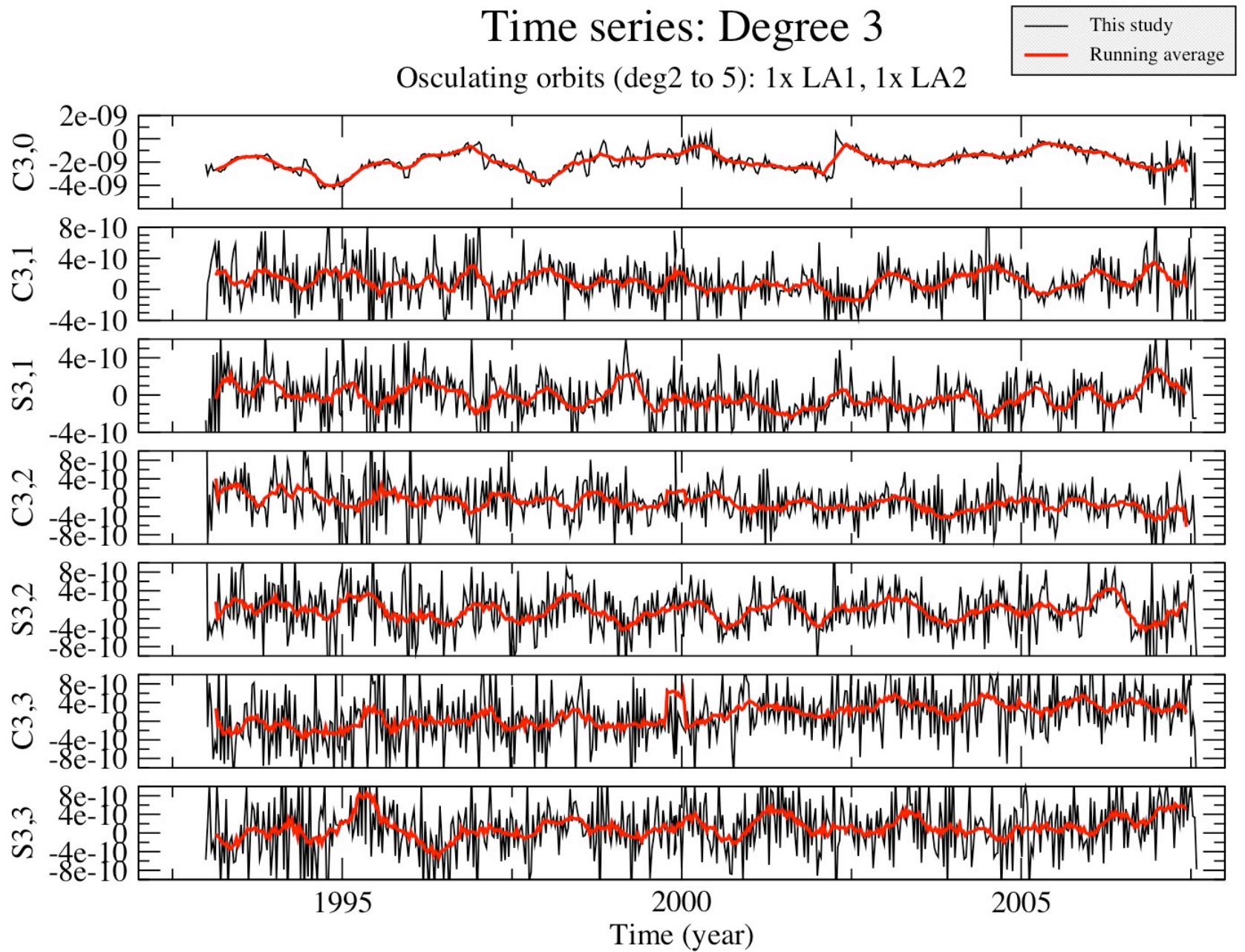
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Osculating orbits (deg2 to 5): 1xLA1, 1xLA2

— This study
— Running average



Geopotential: degree 3



A constellation of geodetic satellites

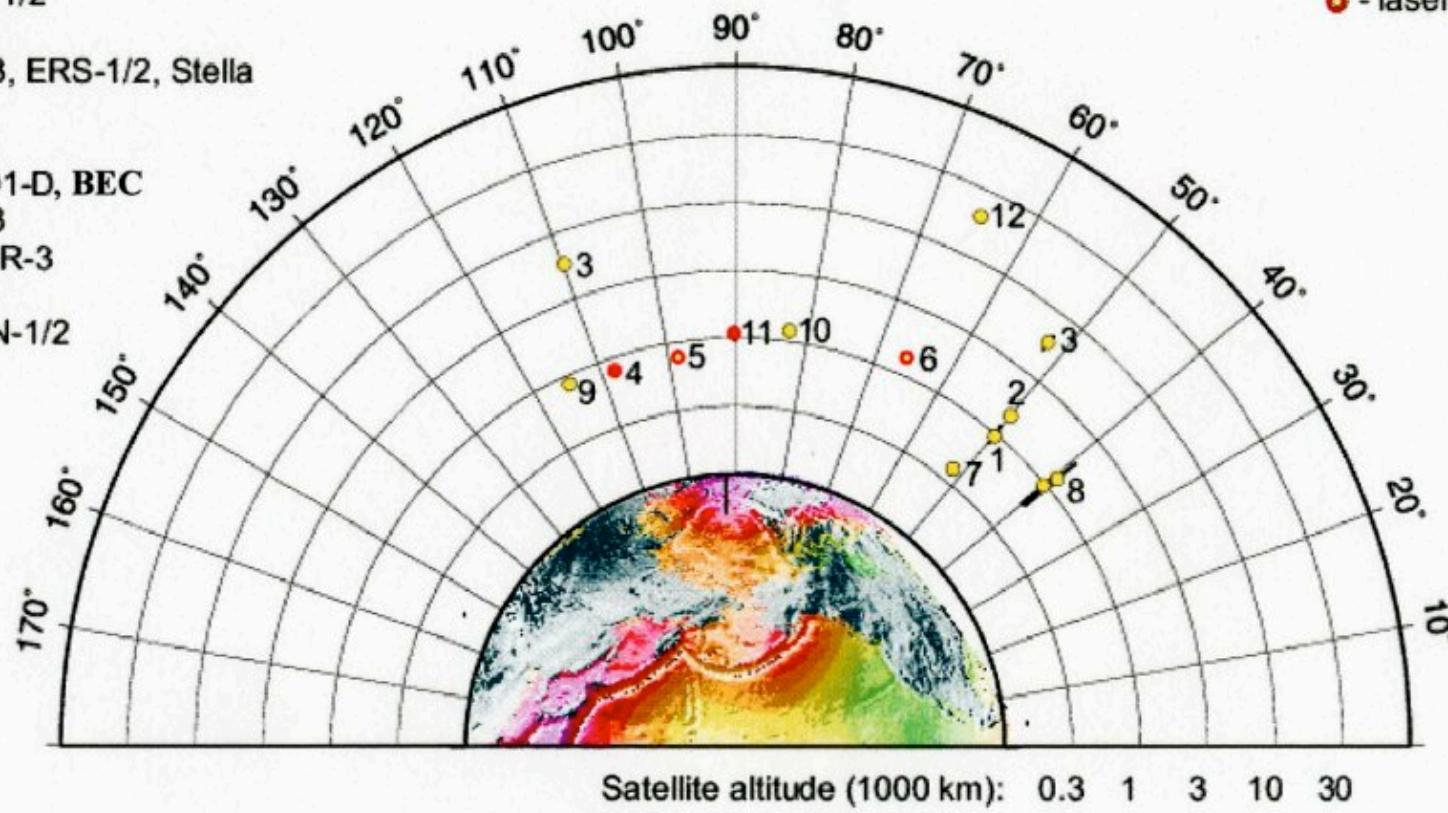
Limited observation accuracy



Various dynamical configurations,
determination of specific sets of harmonics

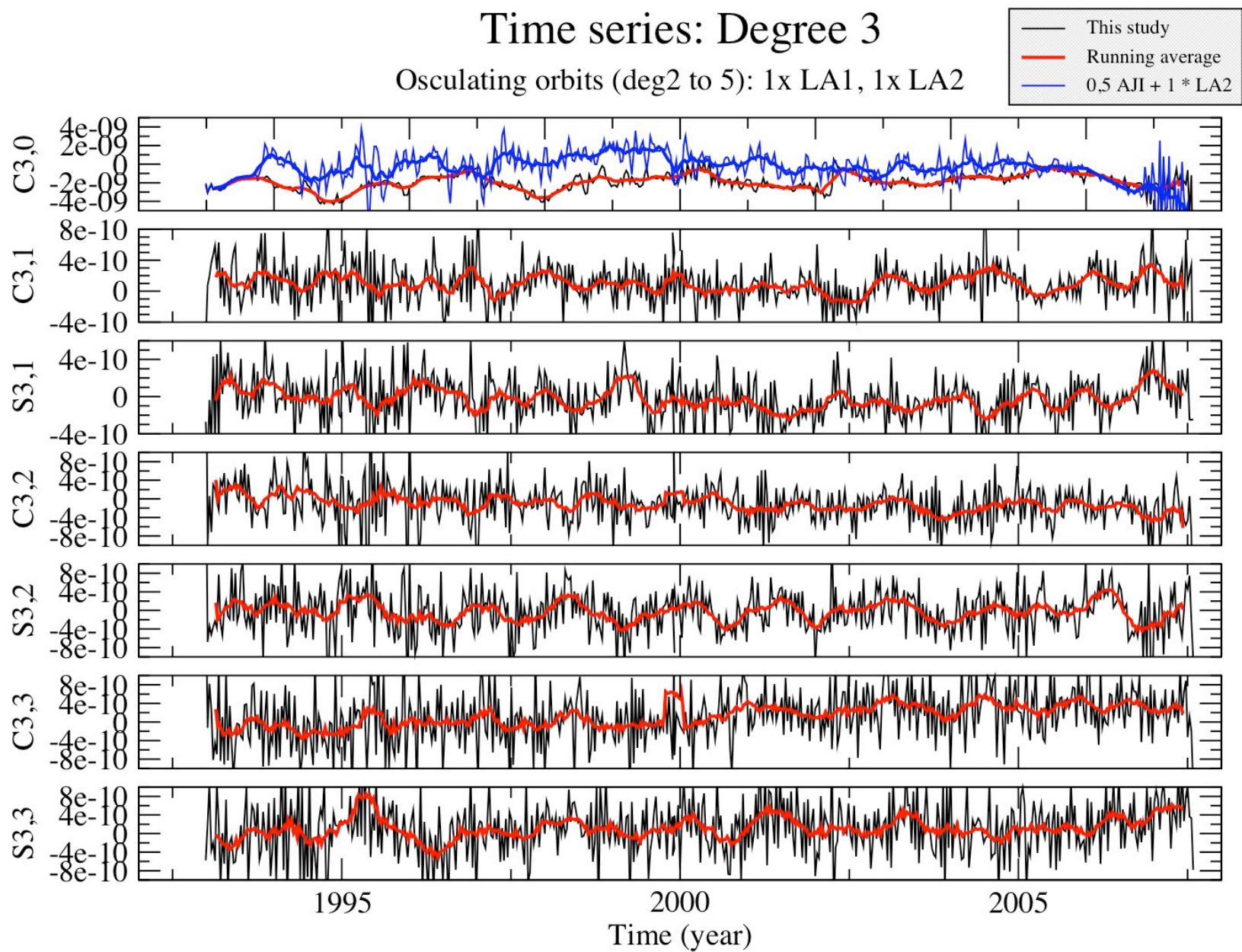
- 1 Starlette
- 2 Ajisai
- 3 Lageos 1/2
- 4 Geosat
- 5 Spot-2/3, ERS-1/2, Stella
- 6 Topex
- 7 GFZ-1
- 8 D1-C, D1-D, BEC
- 9 GEOS-3
- 10 METEOR-3
- 11 NOVA3
- 12 ETALON-1/2

- - laser
- - microwave
- - laser + microwave



Satellites, orbits and tracking data employed for GRIM5-S1 global gravity field recovery

Geopotential: degree 3

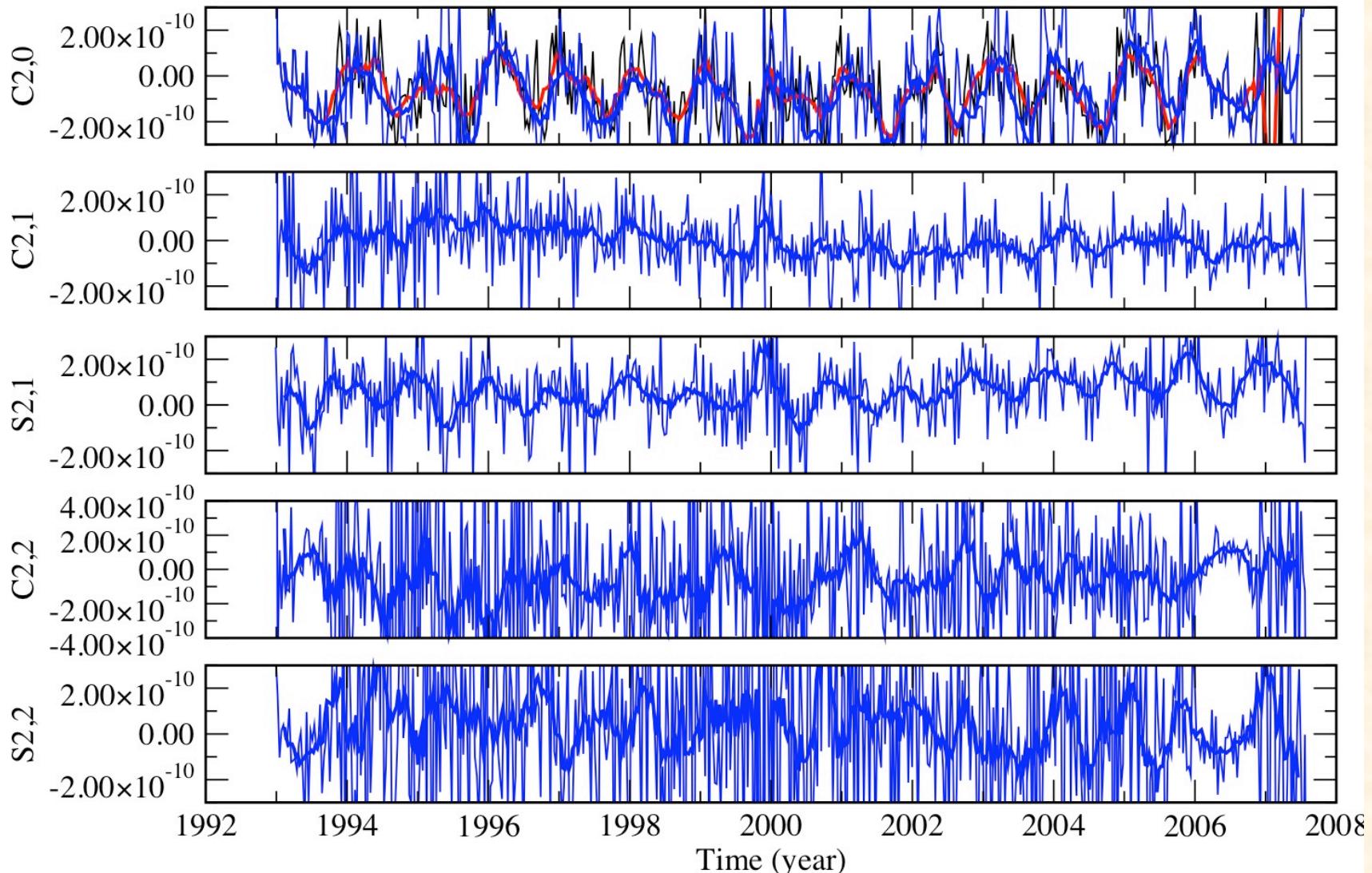


Geopotential: degree 2

Time series: Degree 2

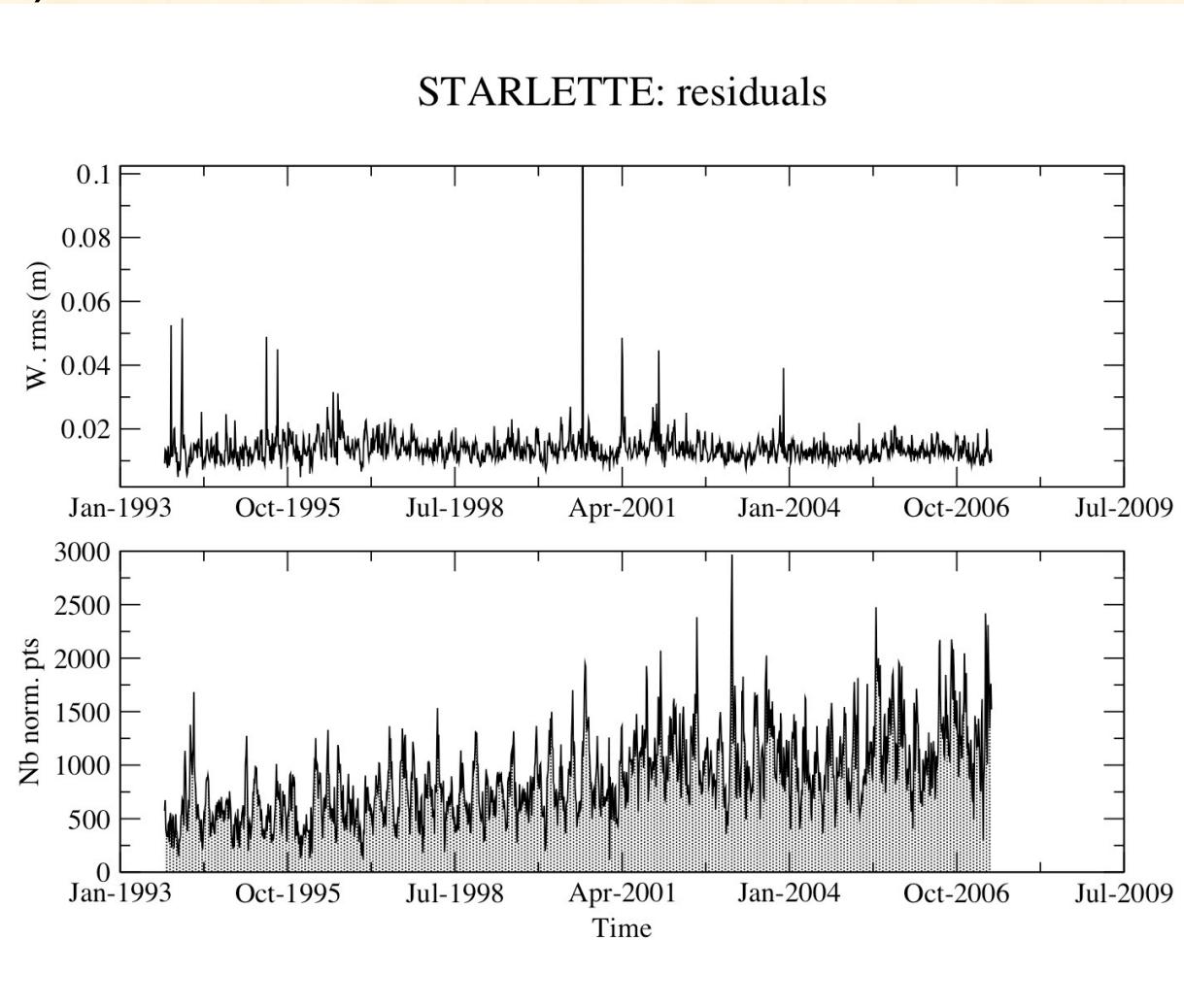
Osculating orbits (deg2 to 5): 1/2x AJI, 1x LA2

- 1*LA1+1*LA2
- running average
- 0.5*AJI+1*LA2

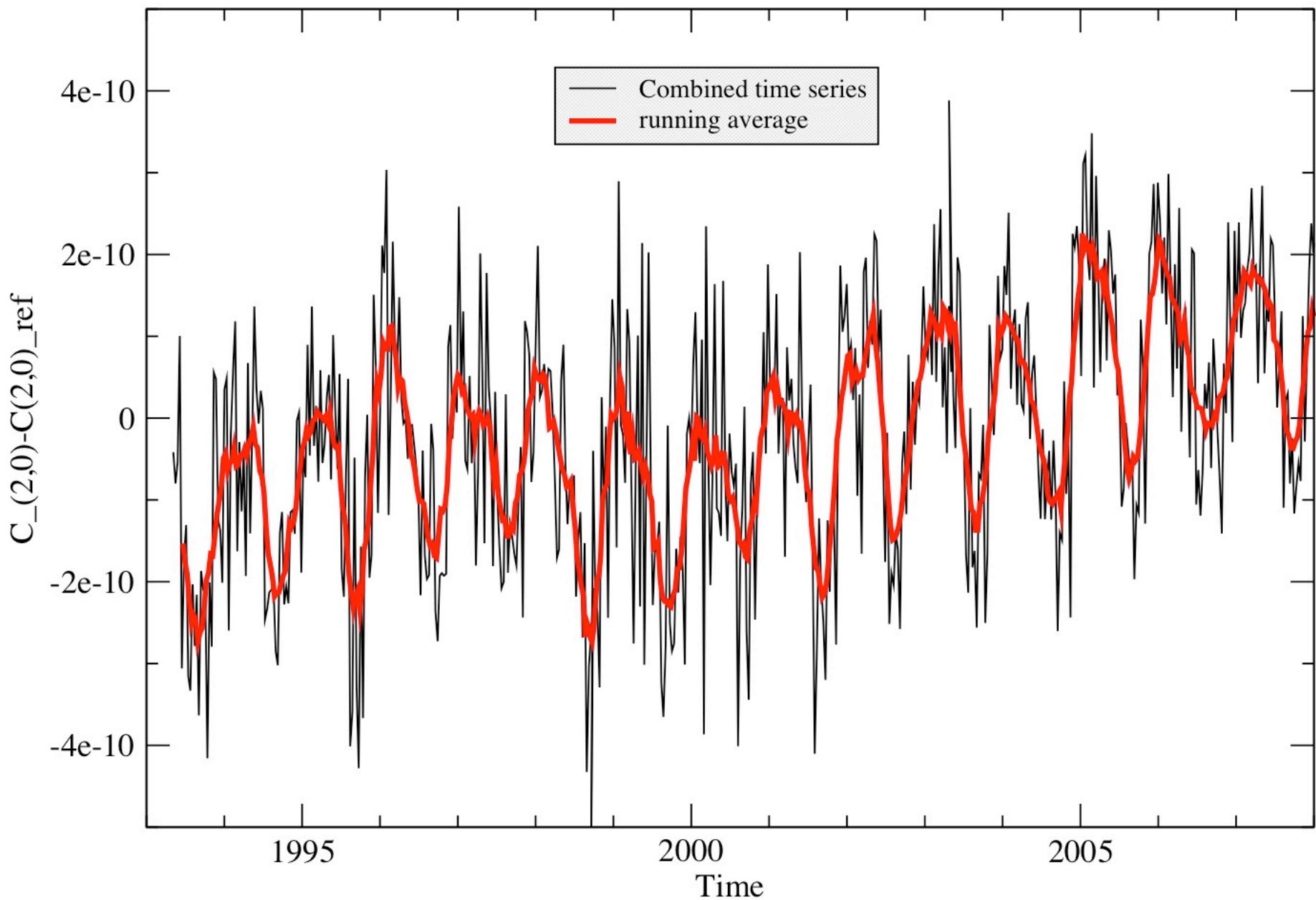


A combined solution

- Several satellites, weighted wrt the level of residuals (Helmert method)
 - LA1: 0,9
 - LA2: 1,2
 - ET1: 3,3
 - AJI: 0,18
 - STA: 1,4
- Time series of coefficients



Time series of C_(2,0): combined solution



Temporal variations over long time scales ?

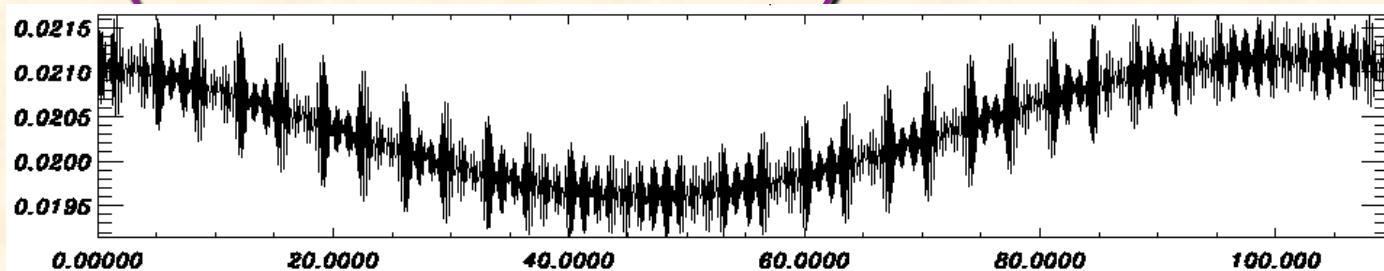
©	GRIM5-C1	Cheng & Tapley, 2004	This study (osc. motion)	This study (mean motion)
J2dot	$3.05 \cdot 10^{-11} / \text{yr}$	$2.75 \cdot 10^{-11} / \text{yr}$	from $2.61 \cdot 10^{-11} / \text{yr}$ to $4.42 \cdot 10^{-11} / \text{yr}$...
J4dot	$3.67 \cdot 10^{-11} / \text{yr}$		$4.41 \cdot 10^{-11} / \text{yr}$...
J3dot	$7.45 \cdot 10^{-12} / \text{yr}$		\emptyset	\emptyset

- Post glacial rebound:
 - $J_{2n}\dot{n}$: affect ascending node
 - $J_{2n+1}\dot{n}$: affect eccentricity vector
 - Tesseral terms: do not perturb orbits over long time scales
- Other origins:
 - Oceanic tides: 18.6 year tide, 9.3 year tide
 - Interannual events: El Nino, other mass transfer(atmosphere...)
- Methodology
 - Orbital model valid on long timescales
 - Inversion strategy suitable to detect small but cumulative effects
Few parameters adjusted,

Long term orbital dynamics (CODIOR model)

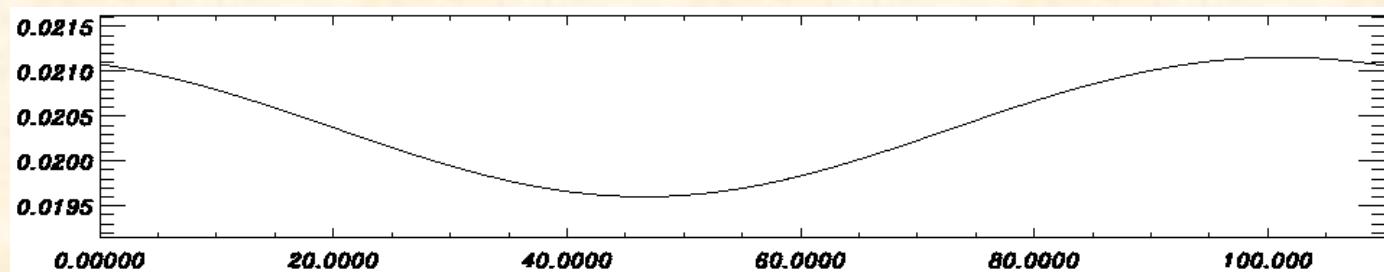
Osculating motion

$$\frac{d\mathbf{E}}{dt} = SM(\mathbf{E}, \Sigma)$$
$$\mathbf{E}(t_0) =$$



Long Period terms

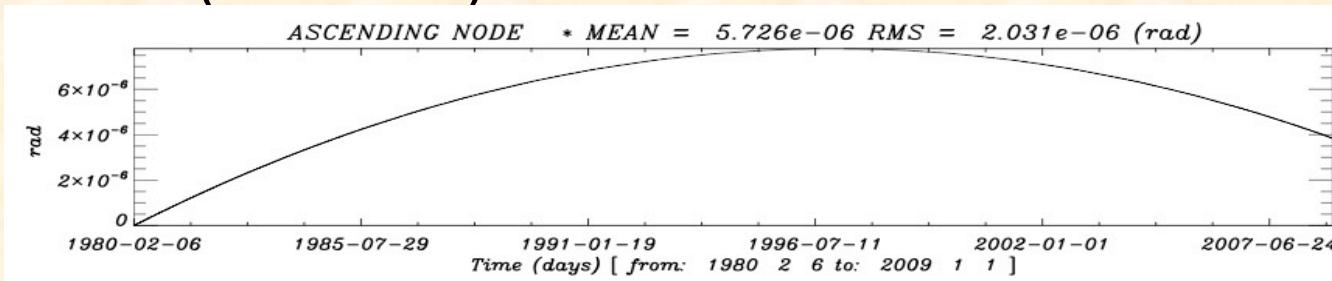
$$\frac{d\mathbf{E}'}{dt} = SM'(\mathbf{E}', \Sigma)$$



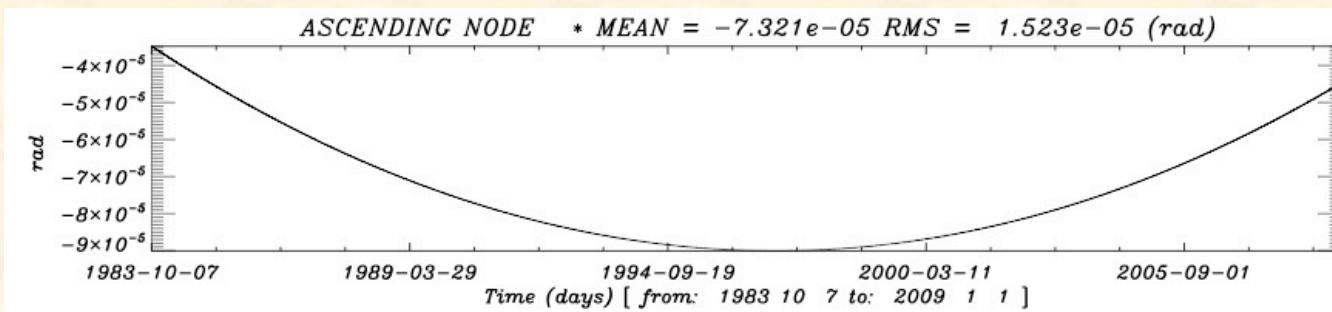
- Mean equations of motion obtained with an analytical averaging (5^{th} order in J_2), which are integrated in a numerical way
 - J_2^5 , coupling effects $J_2 J_n$ up to $n=40$
 - Tesseral resonant terms (1^{st} order)
 - Luni-solar effects up to degree 3, and coupling effects with J_2
 - Radiation pressure, shadow effects (numerical averaging)
 - Development in power series of the eccentricity (up to e^{12} for J_2)

Post-glacial rebound: *signal to be expected on the node*

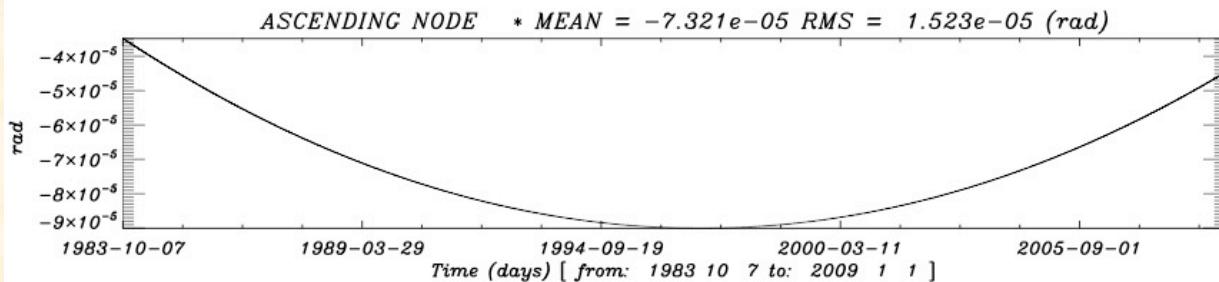
- LAGEOS1 (6000 km):



- AJISAI (1200km):

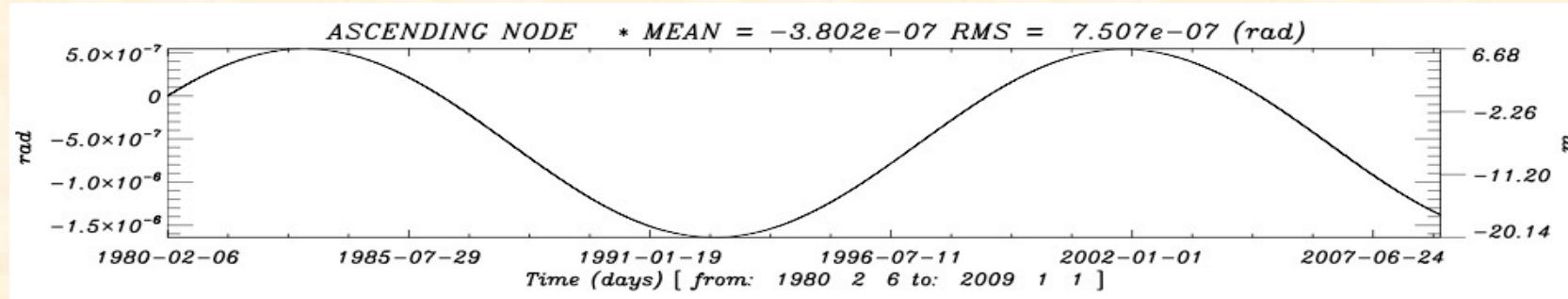


- STARLETTE (800 km):

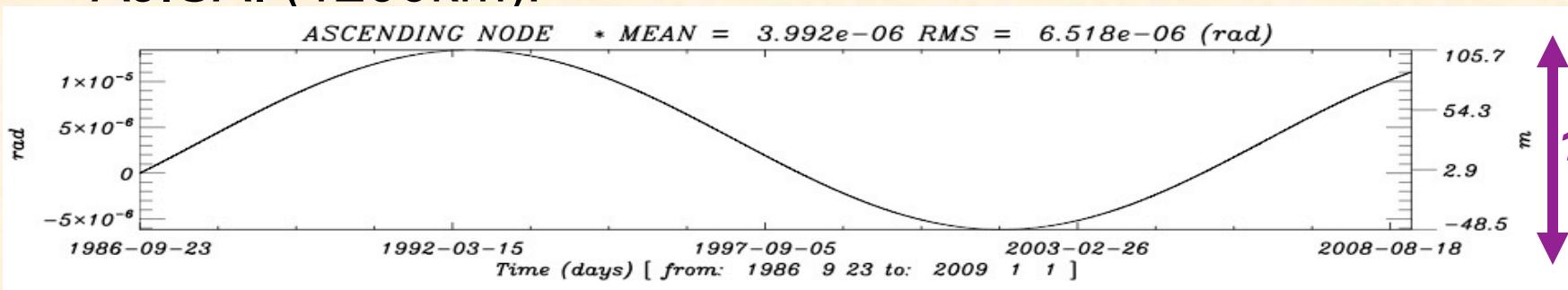


18.6 year tide: *signal to be expected on the node*

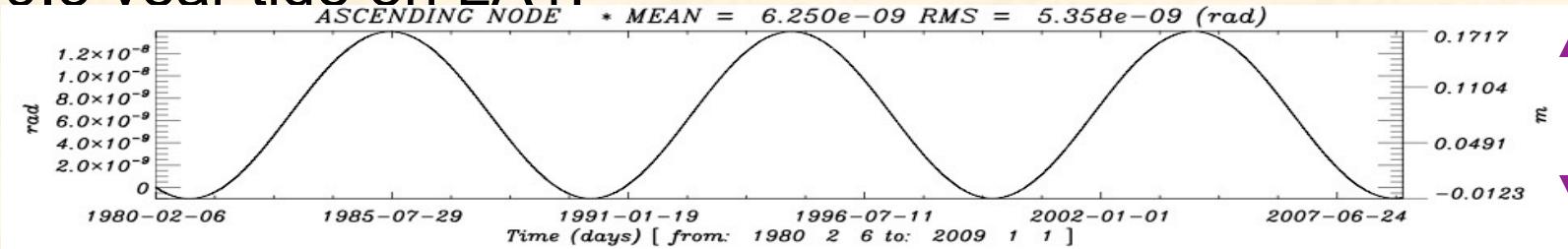
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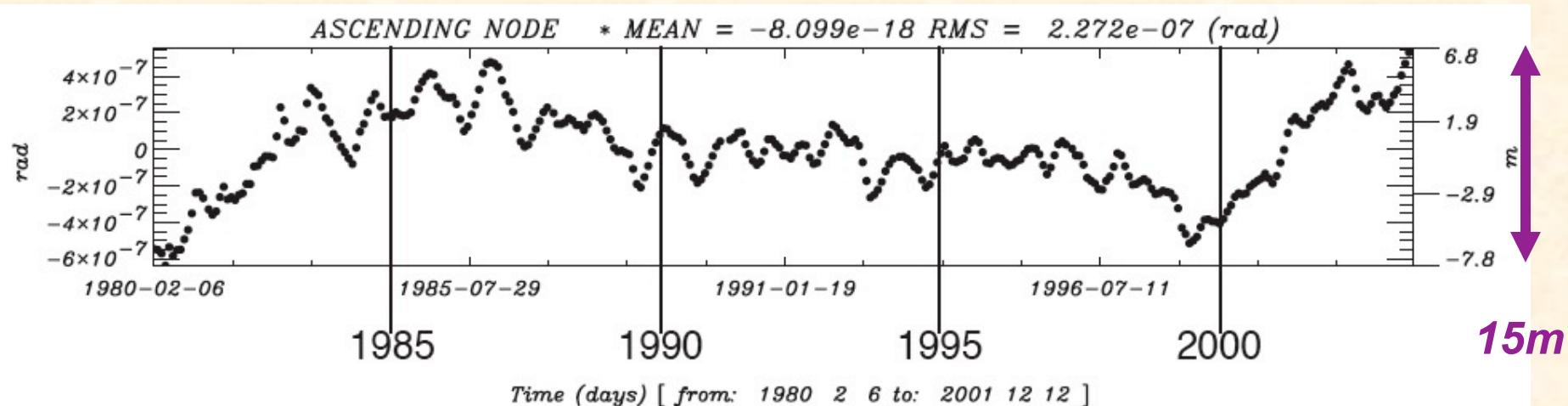


- 9.3 year tide on LA1:

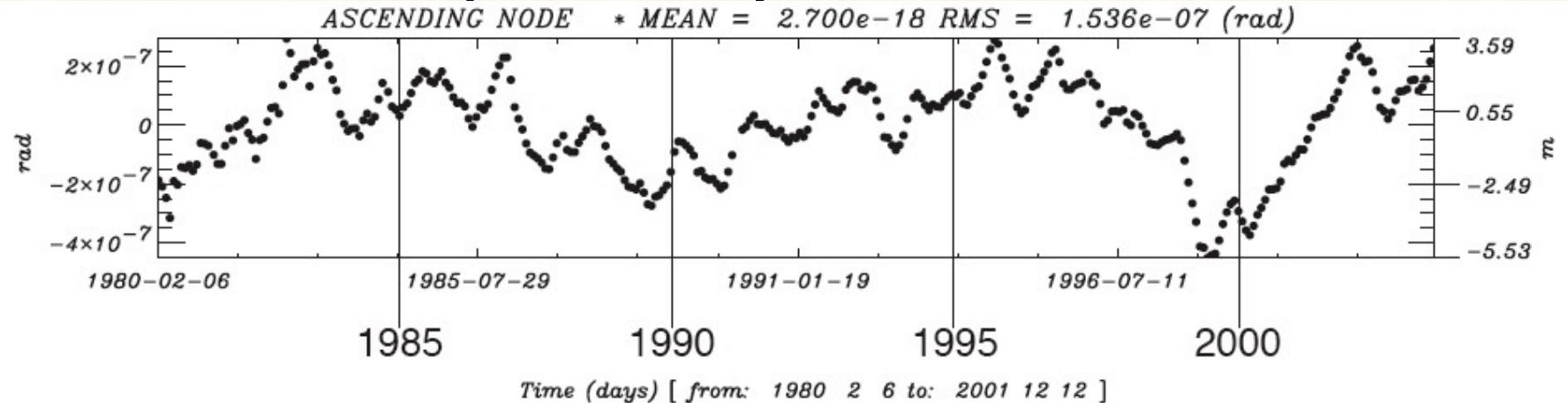


Post-fit residuals long term analysis: LAGEOS-1

- No geodynamical parameter adjusted



- J2dot and 18.6 year tide adjusted:



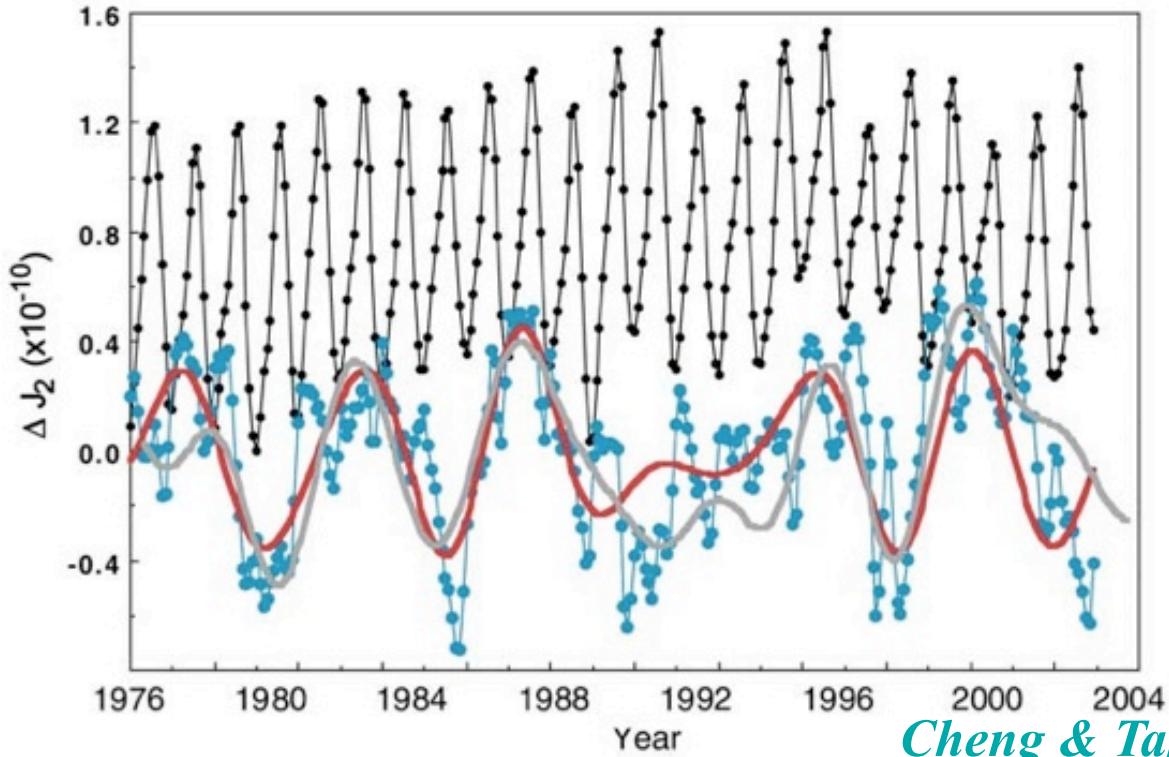
Adjusted values

Arc	Period of the arc	$C_{2,0}$	$\dot{C}_{2,0}$ $year^{-1}$
1	1980-1996	$-0,108262643 \cdot 10^{-2} \pm 0,1 \cdot 10^{-9}$	$2,72 \cdot 10^{-11} \pm 0,1 \cdot 10^{-10}$
2	1980-2002	$-0,108262636 \cdot 10^{-2} \pm 0,4 \cdot 10^{-10}$	$2,70 \cdot 10^{-11} \pm 0,9 \cdot 10^{-12}$
3	1980-2002	$-0,108262636 \cdot 10^{-2} \pm 0,4 \cdot 10^{-10}$	$2,83 \cdot 10^{-11} \pm 0,7 \cdot 10^{-12}$

Arc	Period of the arc	18.6 year tide				9.3 year tide			
		Ampl. cm	Phase deg	C cm	S cm	Ampl. cm	Phase deg	C cm	S cm
1	1980-1996	1,60	81	$1,58 \pm 0,1$	$0,27 \pm 0,5$	0,25	-7	$0,03 \pm 0,09$	$-0,25 \pm 0,2$
2	1980-2002	1,45	77	$1,41 \pm 0,05$	$0,34 \pm 0,03$	0,49	-50	$0,37 \pm 0,05$	$-0,32 \pm 0,04$
3	1980-2002	1,50	78	$1,47 \pm 0,04$	$0,31 \pm 0,03$	-	-	-	-

- Aims:
 - Accuracy AND exactness of each coefficient: Characterizing mass transfer, decorrelation of estimations
 - Global modelling of the system Earth: gravity field, reference frame
- Analysis:
 - No influence of the « 1998 event »
 - The 9.3 year tide can not be adjusted in a realistic way

Conclusions



Cheng & Tapley., 2004

Figure 5. Variations in J_2 over tropical (blue circles) and extratropical areas (black circles) induced by soil moisture changes, the global soil-moisture-induced interannual variation in J_2 (red line), compared with the SOI (gray line) warm phase (<0) and cold phase (>0).

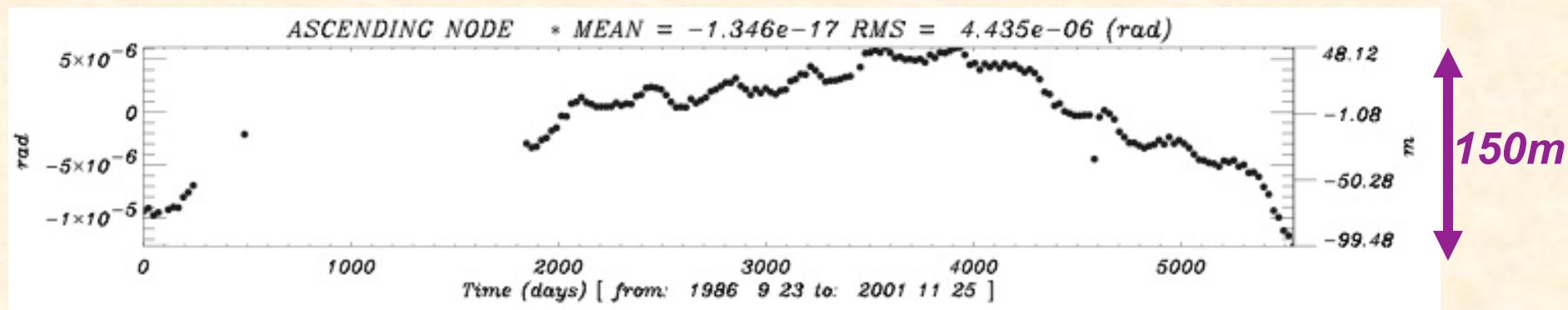
- Earth rotation, polar motion

Thank you for your attention !

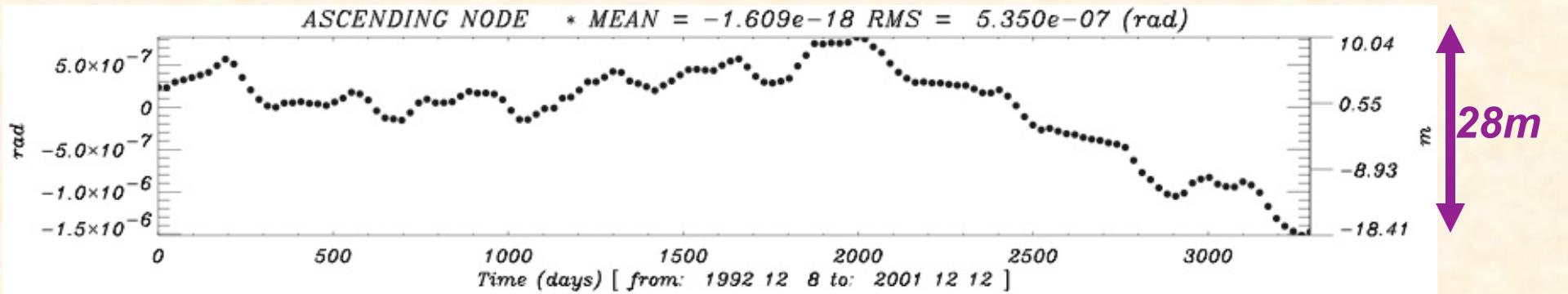


Post-fit residuals long term analysis: AJISAI, LAGEOS-2

- AJISAI: No geodynamical parameter adjusted

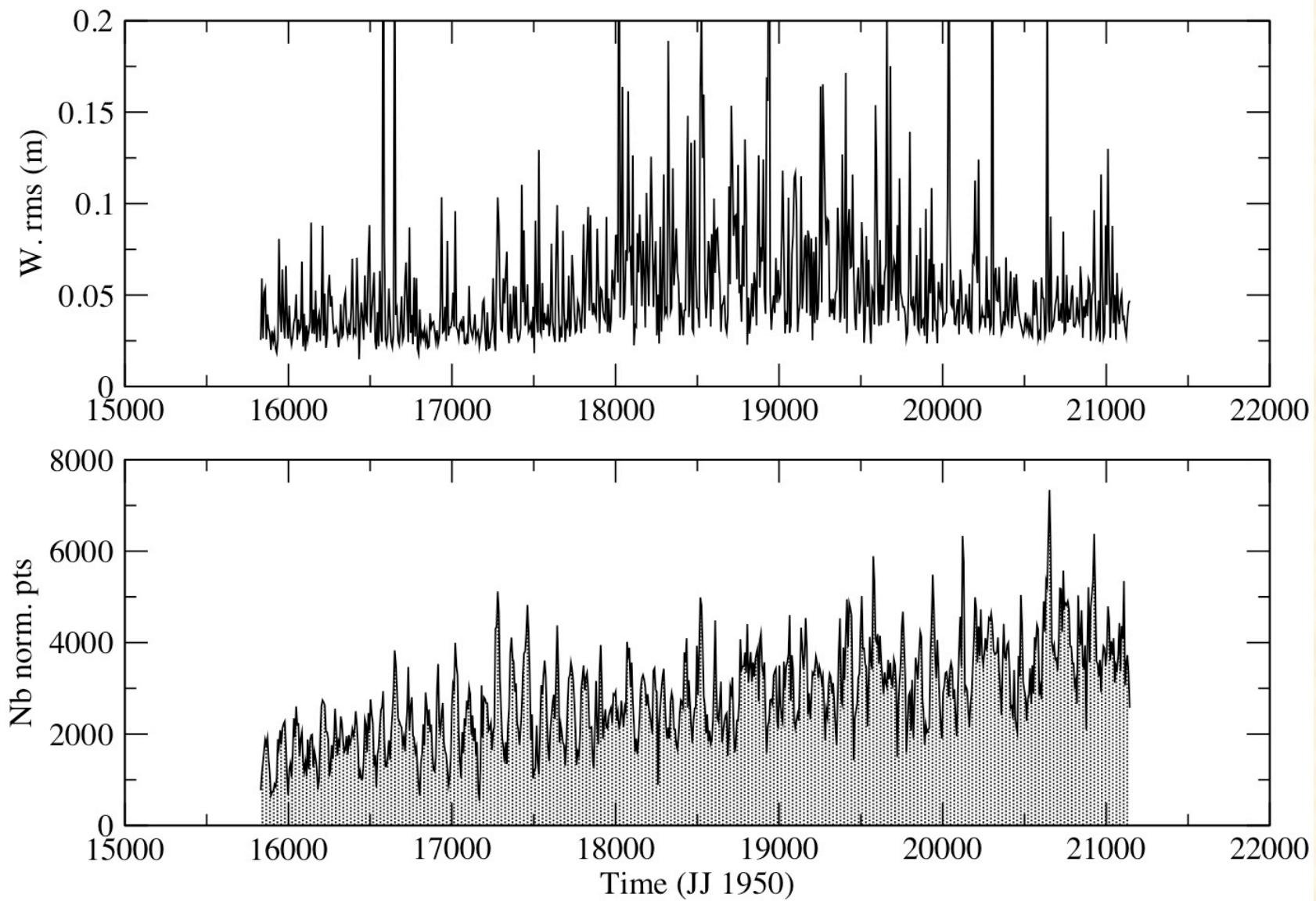


- LAGEOS2: No geodynamical parameter adjusted



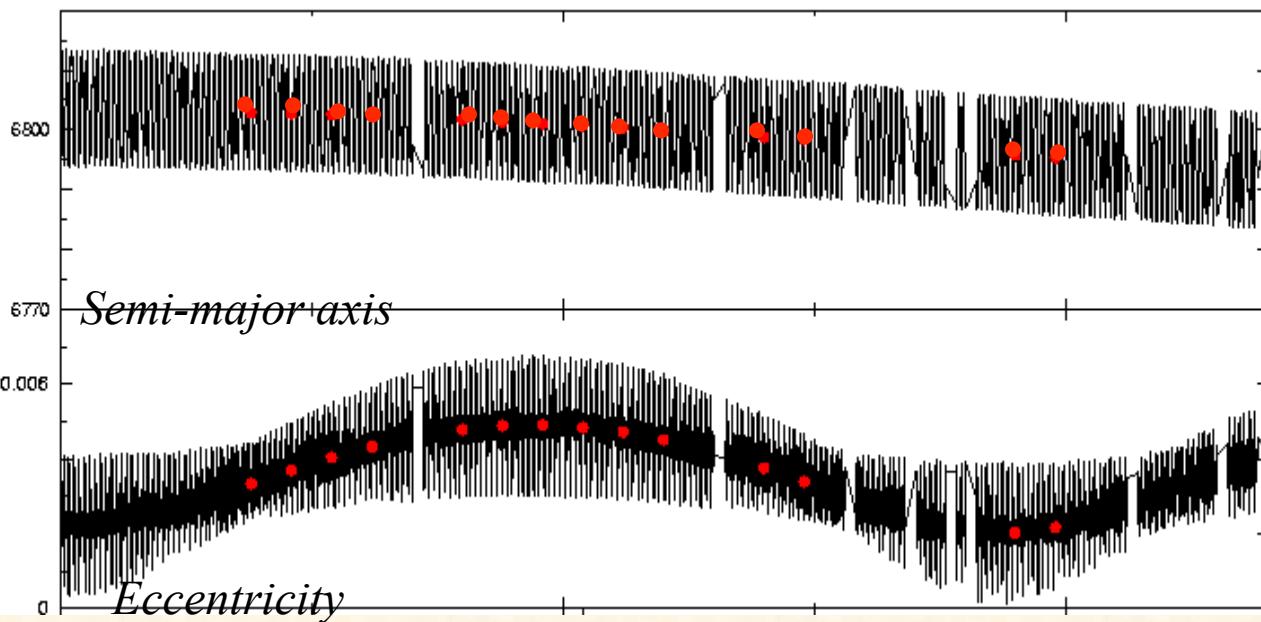
AJISAI: post-fit residuals analysis

AJISAI: residuals



Mean Observed Elements

- Osculating elements
- Mean Observed elements



- Analytical filtering

$$\Delta a = \quad \Delta \Omega =$$

$$\Delta e = \quad \Delta \omega =$$

$$\Delta i = \quad \Delta M =$$

$$\bar{E}(t) =$$

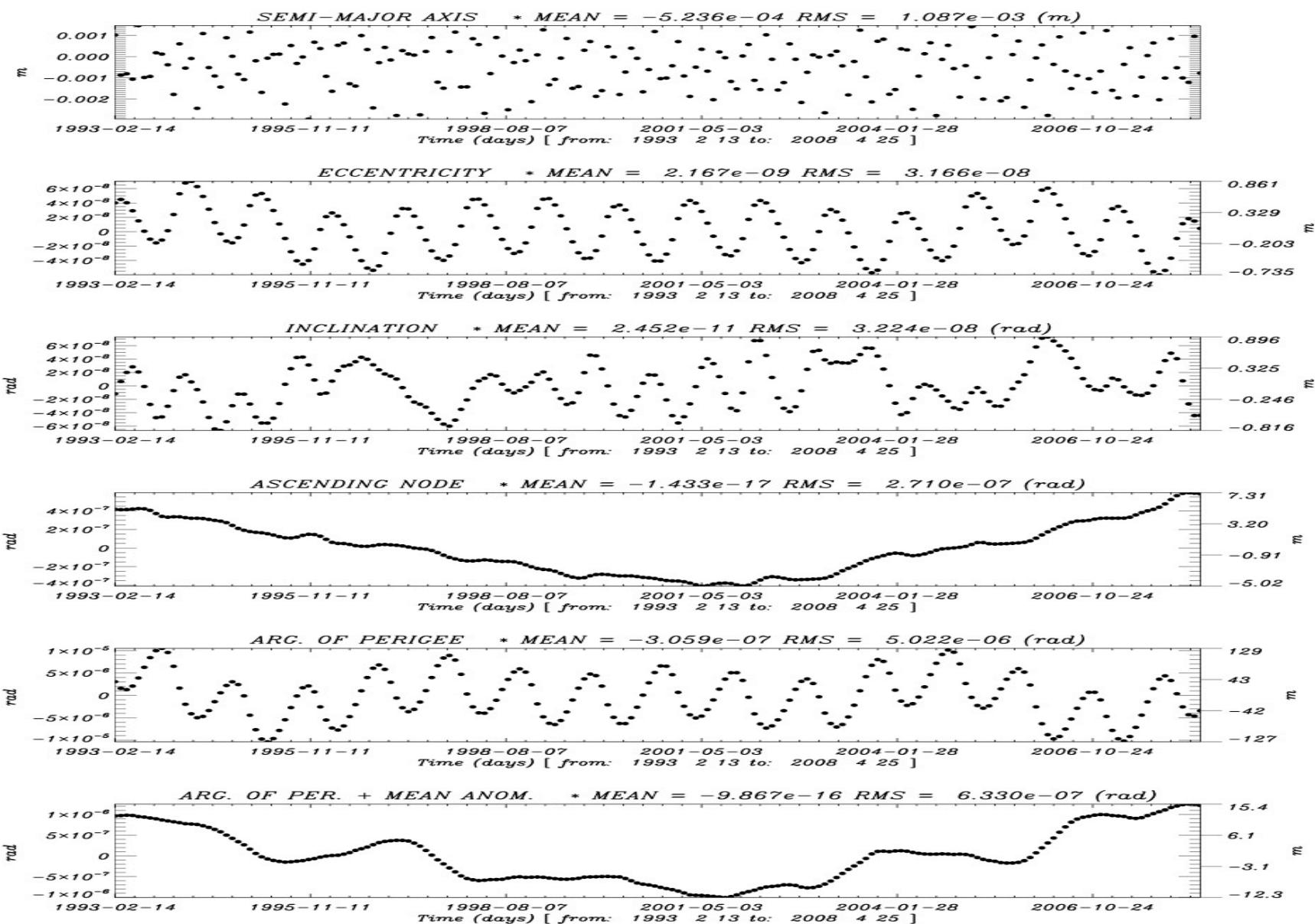
$$E(t) - \Delta E(t)$$

- Numerical step:
filtering of residual short periodic terms

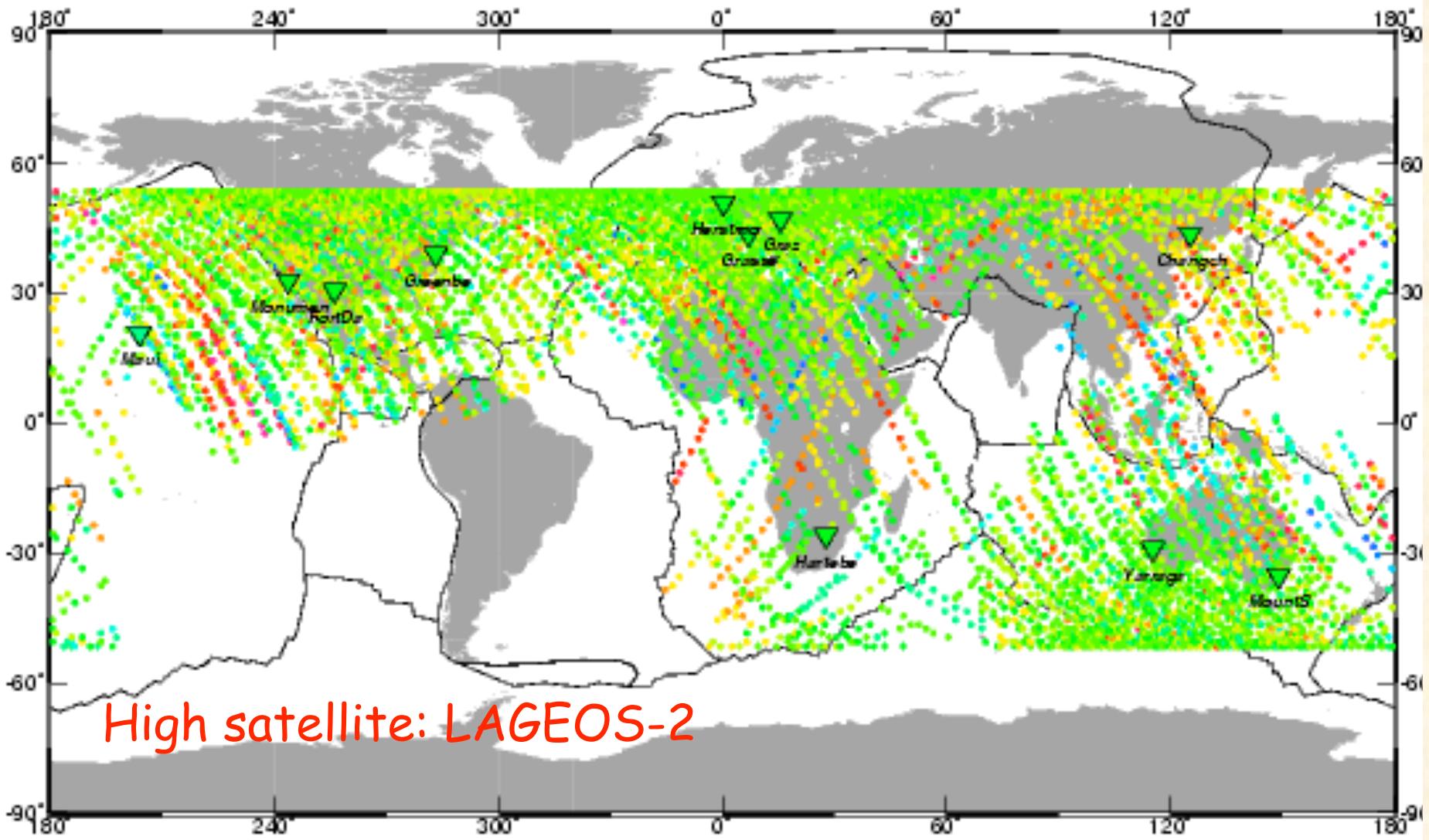
MOE are built from osculating orbits once for all:

- in our database: **LA1** (feb1980), **LA2** (dec 1992), **AJI** (sept 1986), **STA** (dec 1983), **STE** (nov 1993), **T/P** (mar 1994), **CHAMP** (2001)
- scheduled: ET1, ET2, GPS34, and others...

Consistency of the method: results of a simulation



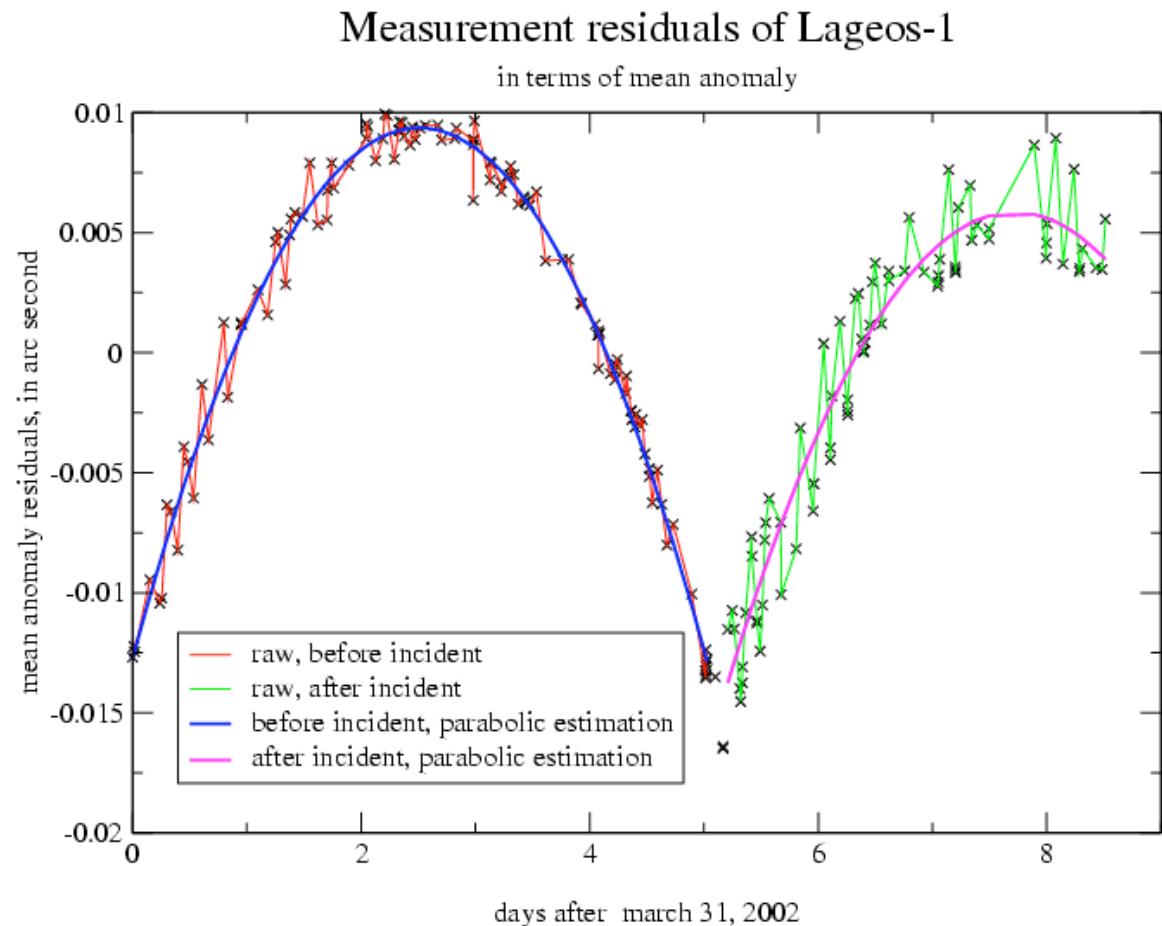
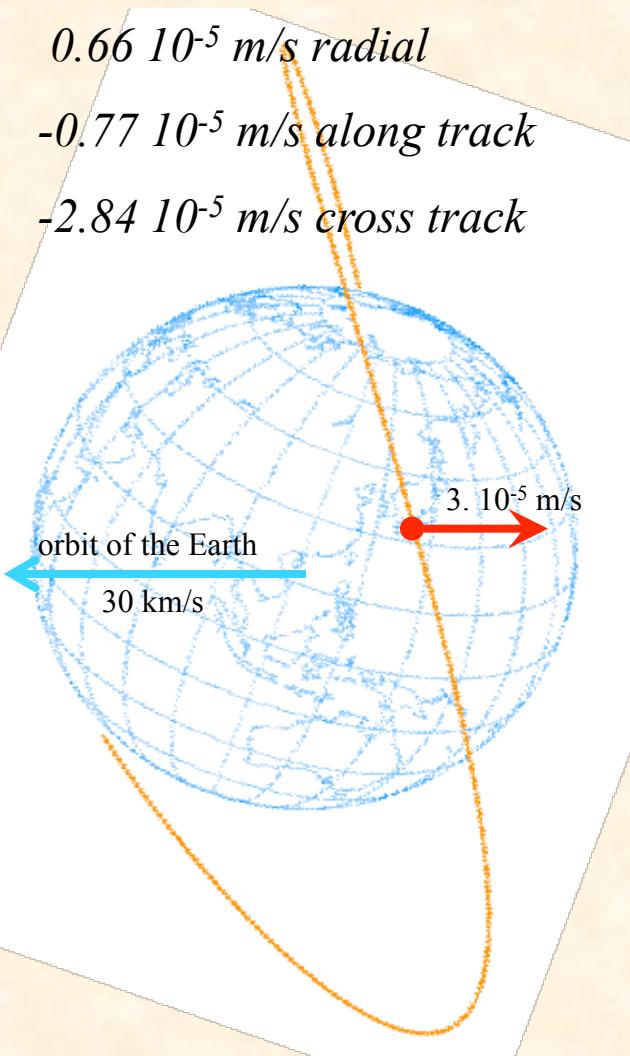
ILRS network and satellite tracking



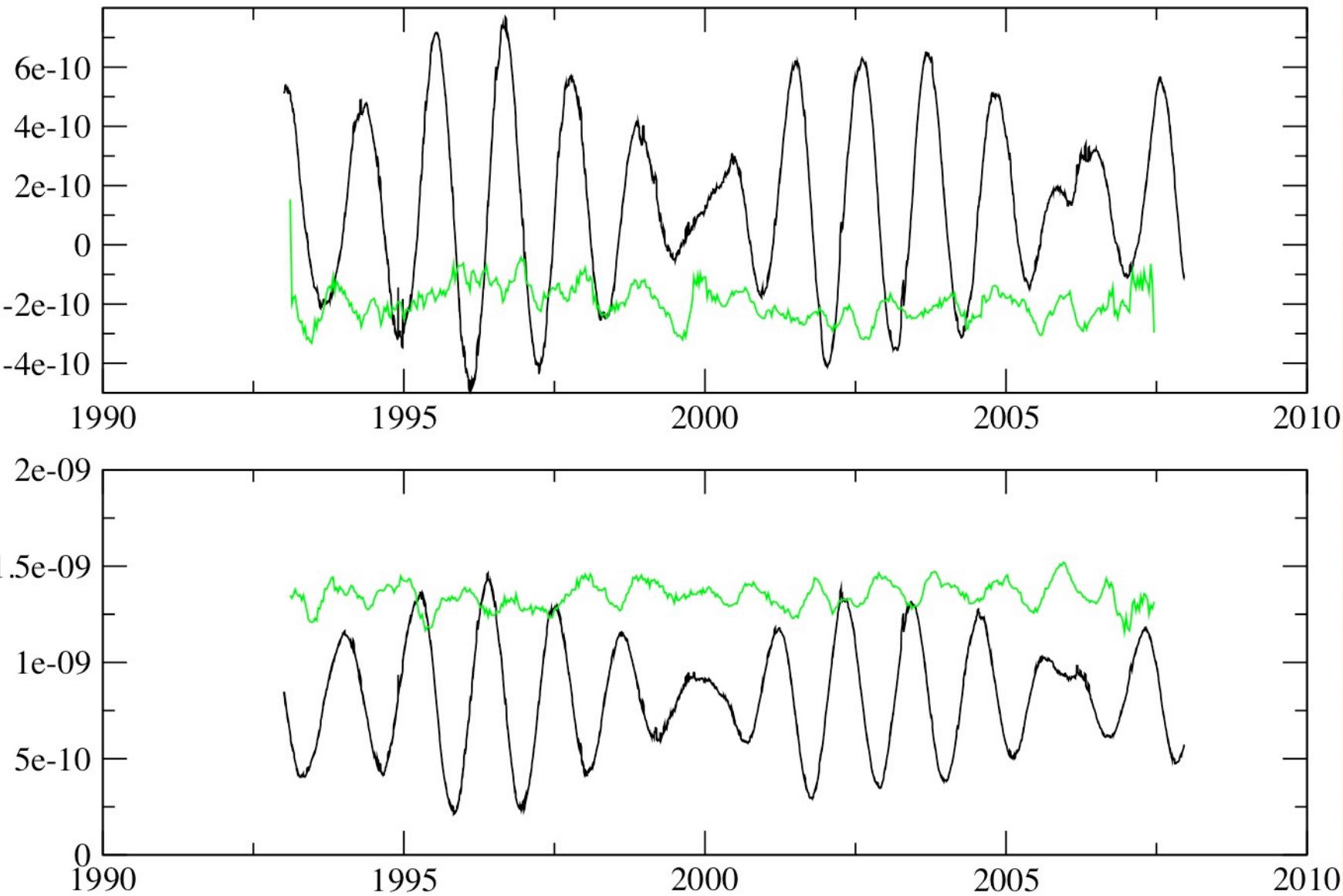
Impact on the LAGEOS-1 satellite

on April 5th, 2002, at 3:19:11 IAT above the Pacific ocean; lat. : 23°, long : 141°

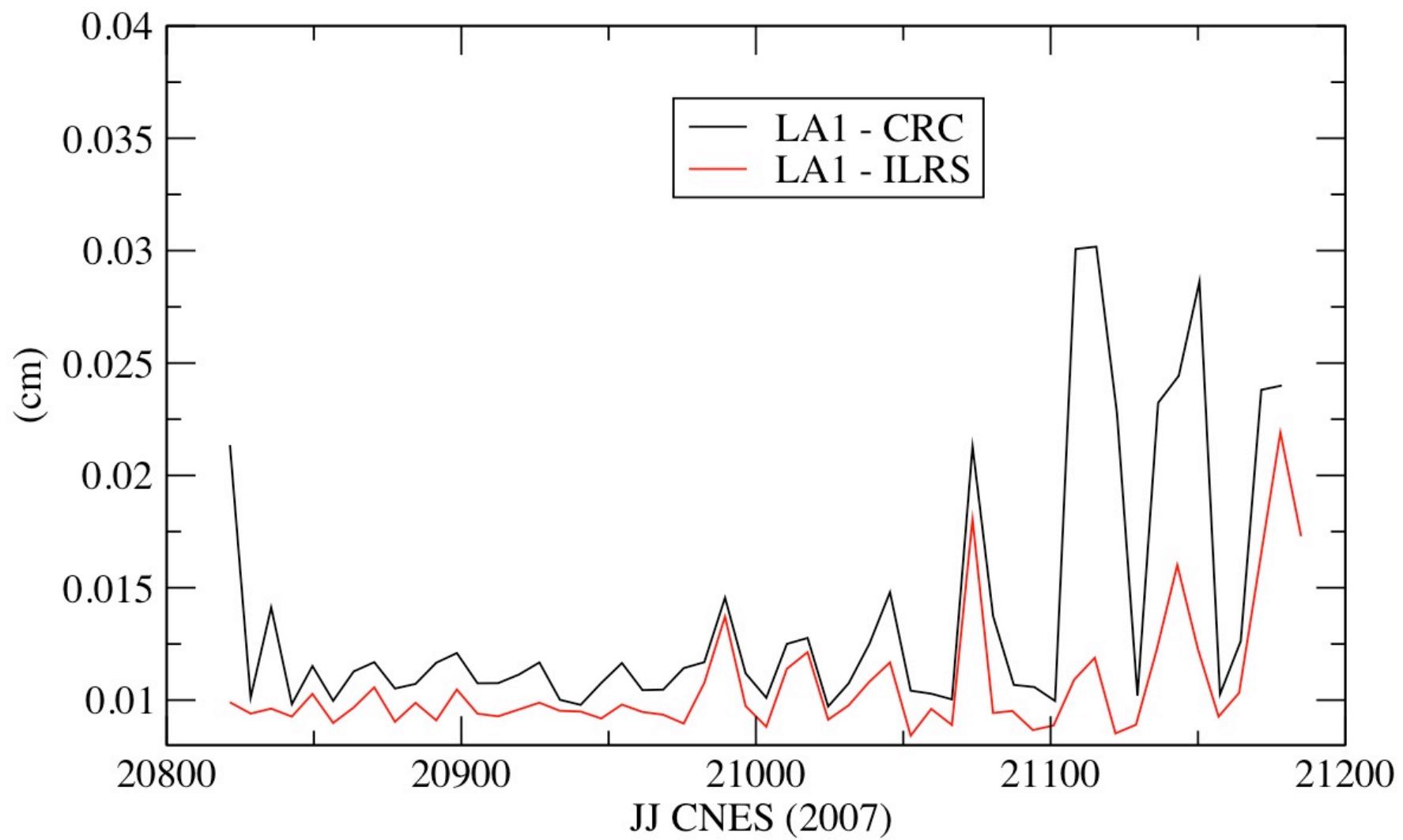
Impulse (given by some mg space particle ???):



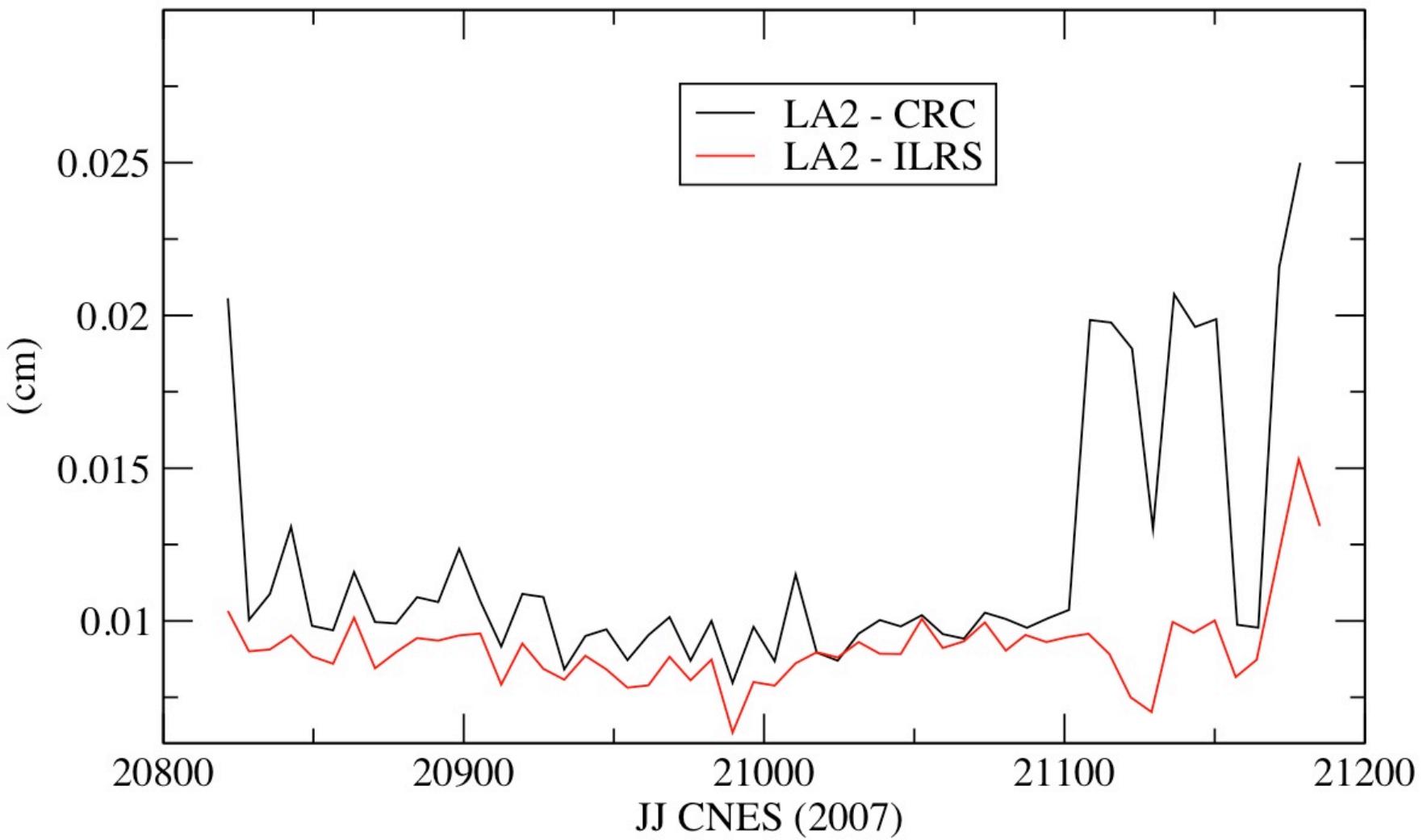
Comparison : *polar motion, and C_{21} S_{21}*



LAGEOS-1: weekly *post-fit residuals*



LAGEOS-2: weekly *post-fit residuals*

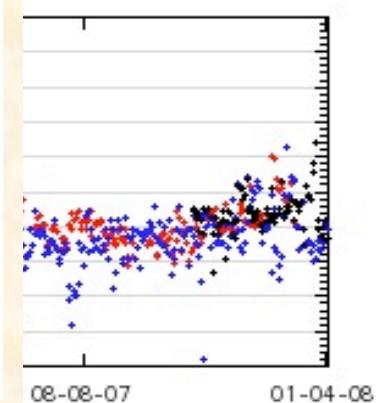
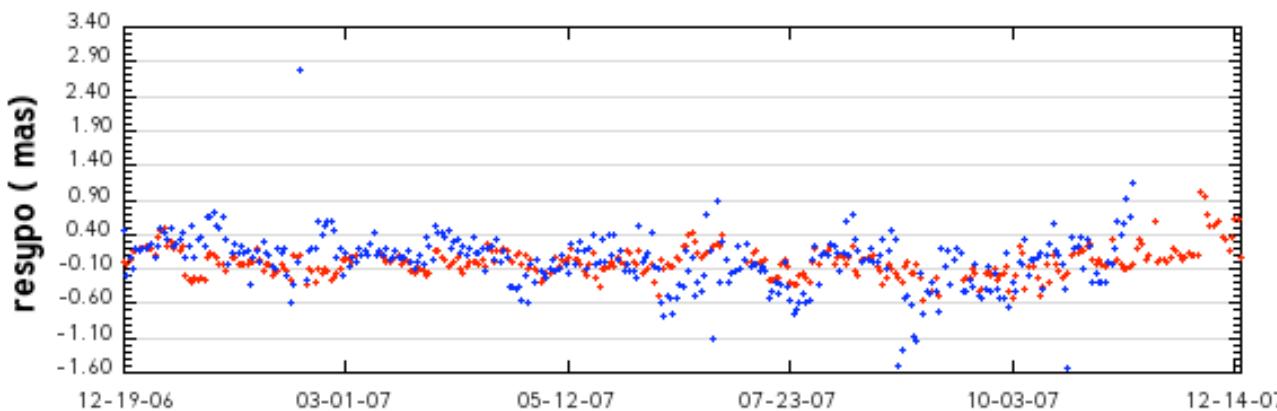
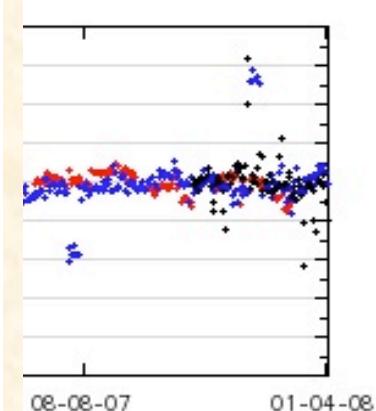
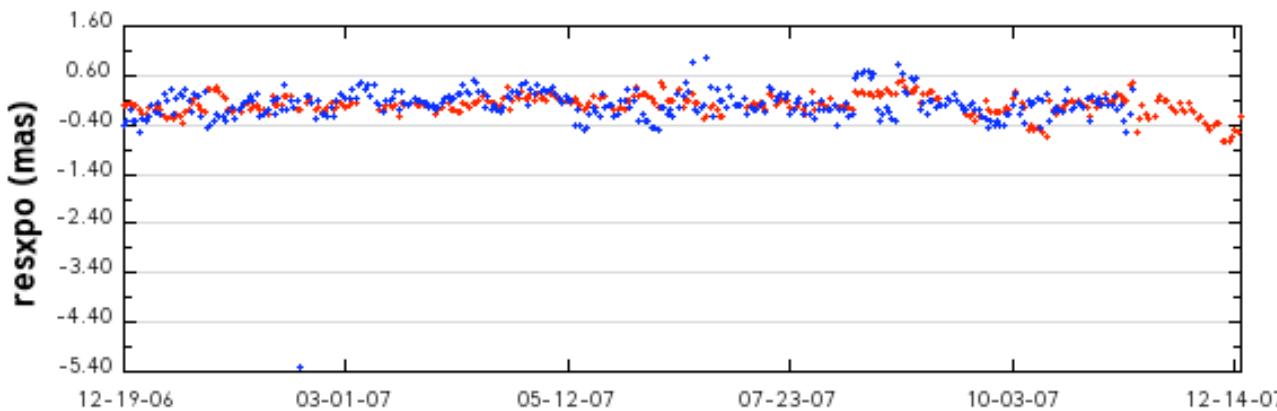


LAGEOS-1, -2: *Orbital modelling*

- ILRS
 - Week n-1
 - Albedo: Stephens model
 - No atmospheric loading for the gravity field ($DEPSTA = 0$)
 - No atmospheric loading for the stations ($fes2002 = 0$)
 - Daily polar motion a priori
 - Empirical coefficients: BT, BTC, BTS, BNC, BNS
- CRC
 - Week n-3
 - Polar motion a priori: C04
 - $DEPSTA = 1$, $fes2002 = 1$
 - Albedo : Grids
 - Empirical coefficients: BT, BTC, BTS, BNC, BNS

ILRS operational products

EOP: Res wrt c04 (2006-2008)

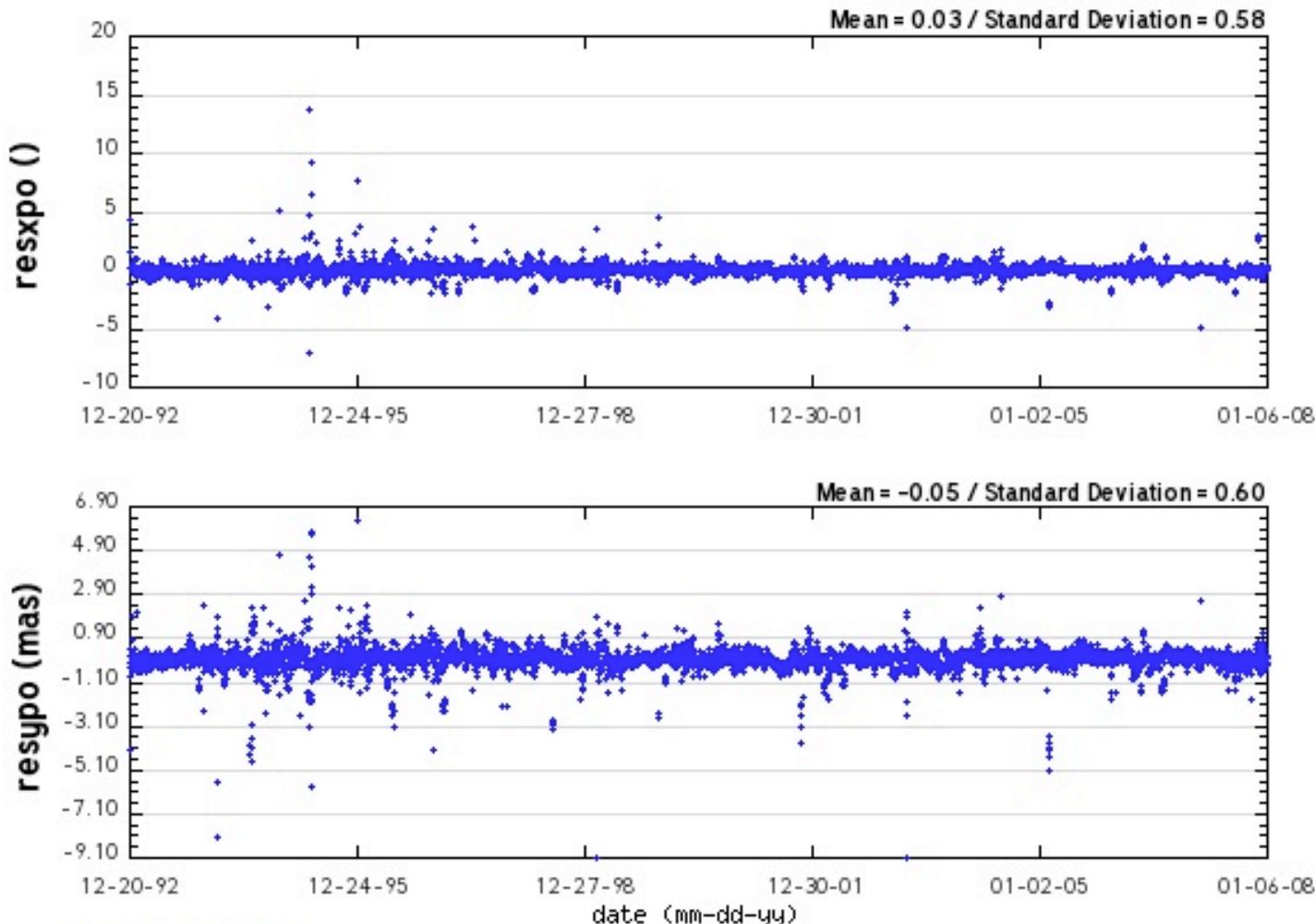


	X(mas)	Y (mas)
CRC	$0,00 \pm 0,20$	$0,00 \pm 0,20$
ILRS	$0,01 \pm 0,39$	$0,02 \pm 0,40$

Solution:	CRC	GRGS	ILRSB
Technic:	SLR	SLR	SLR
Analysis Center:	OCA	ILRS/GRGS	ILRS/DGFI

ILRS operational products

EOP: Res wrt c04 (1993-2008)



Solution: GRGS

5492 data from 12-20-92 to 01-05-08

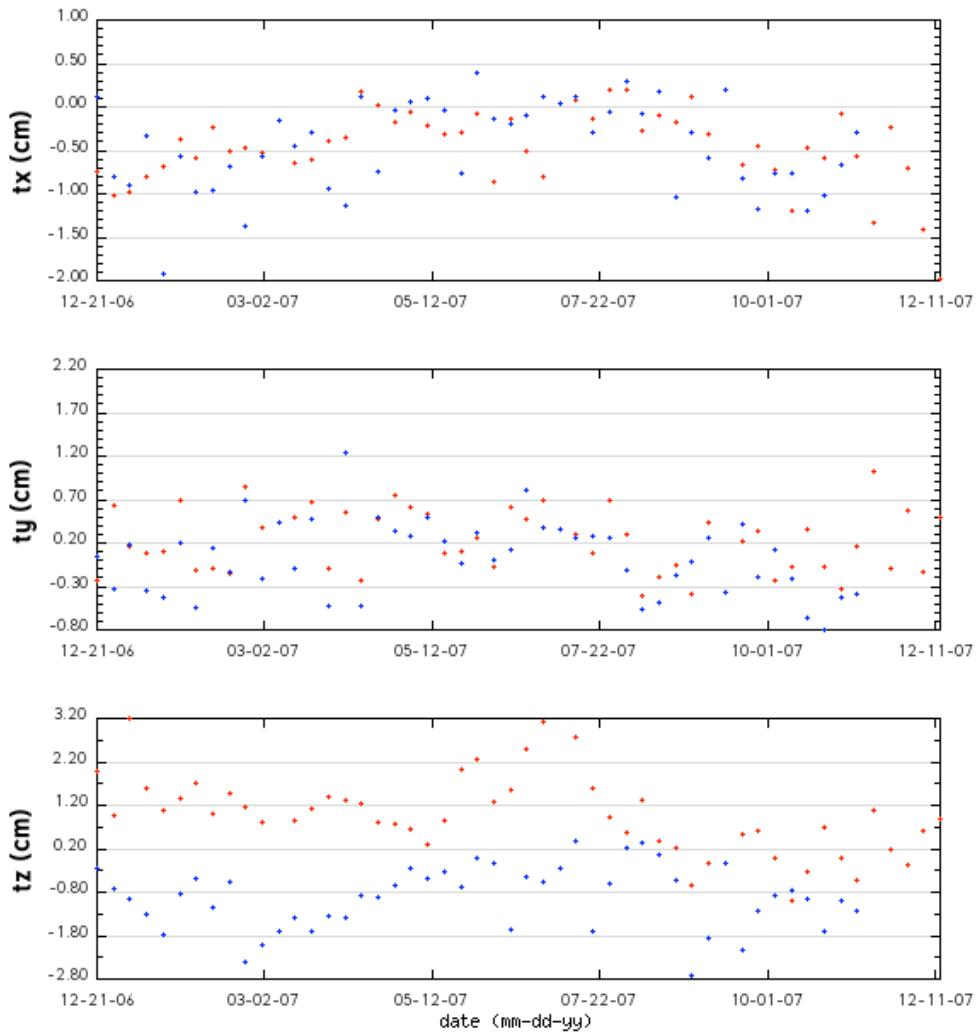
Technic: SLR

Analysis Center: ILRS/GRGS

Plot date: 04-09-08

Reference frame

Transformation Parameters: T



Solution: CRC GRGS

Technic: SLR SLR

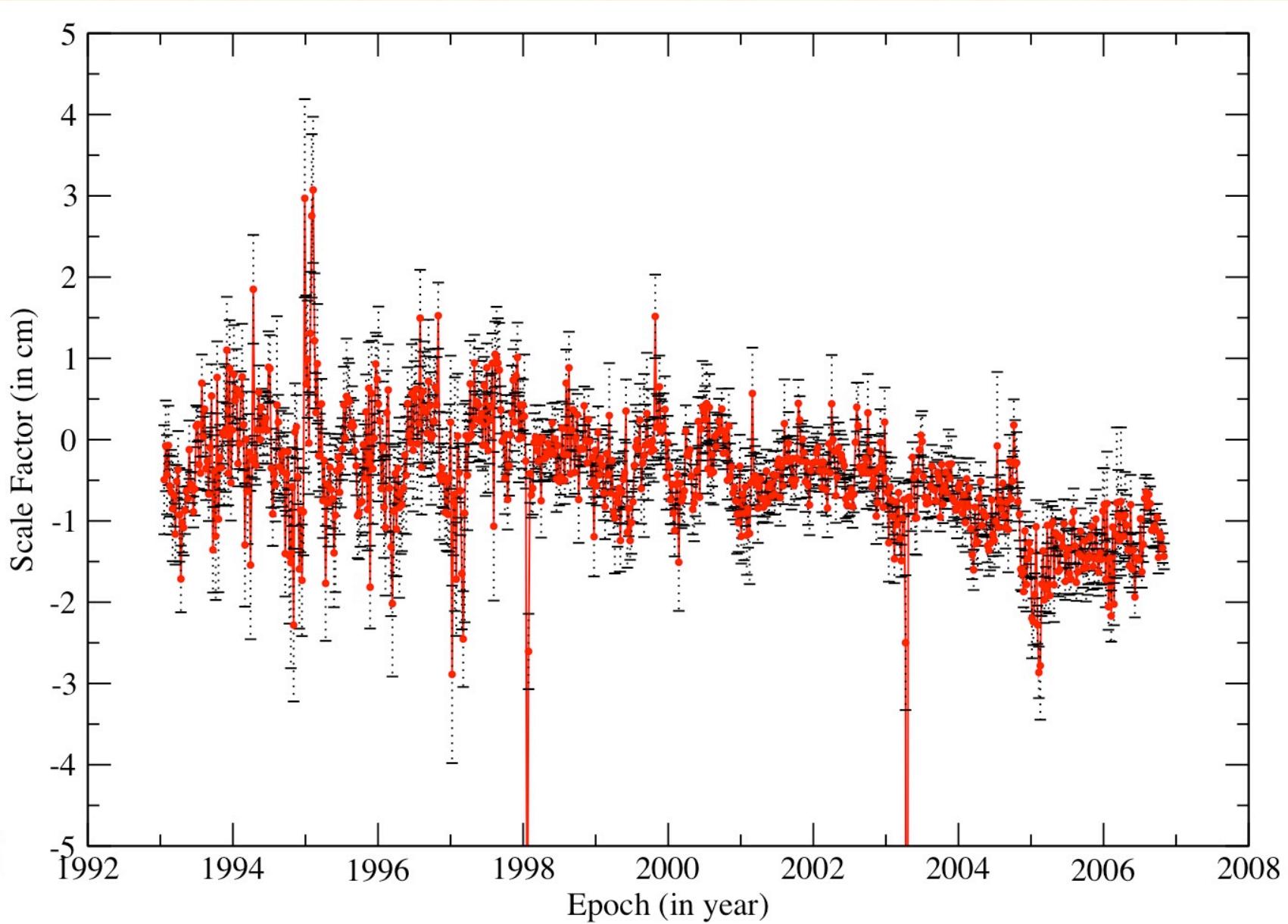
Analysis Center: OCA ILRS/GRGS

Plot date: 01-14-08

	CRC	ILRS
Tx (cm)	$-0,47 \pm 0,44$	$-0,46 \pm 0,52$
Ty (cm)	$0,23 \pm 0,36$	$0,09 \pm 0,42$
Tz (cm)	$0,98 \pm 0,90$	$-0,93 \pm 0,73$

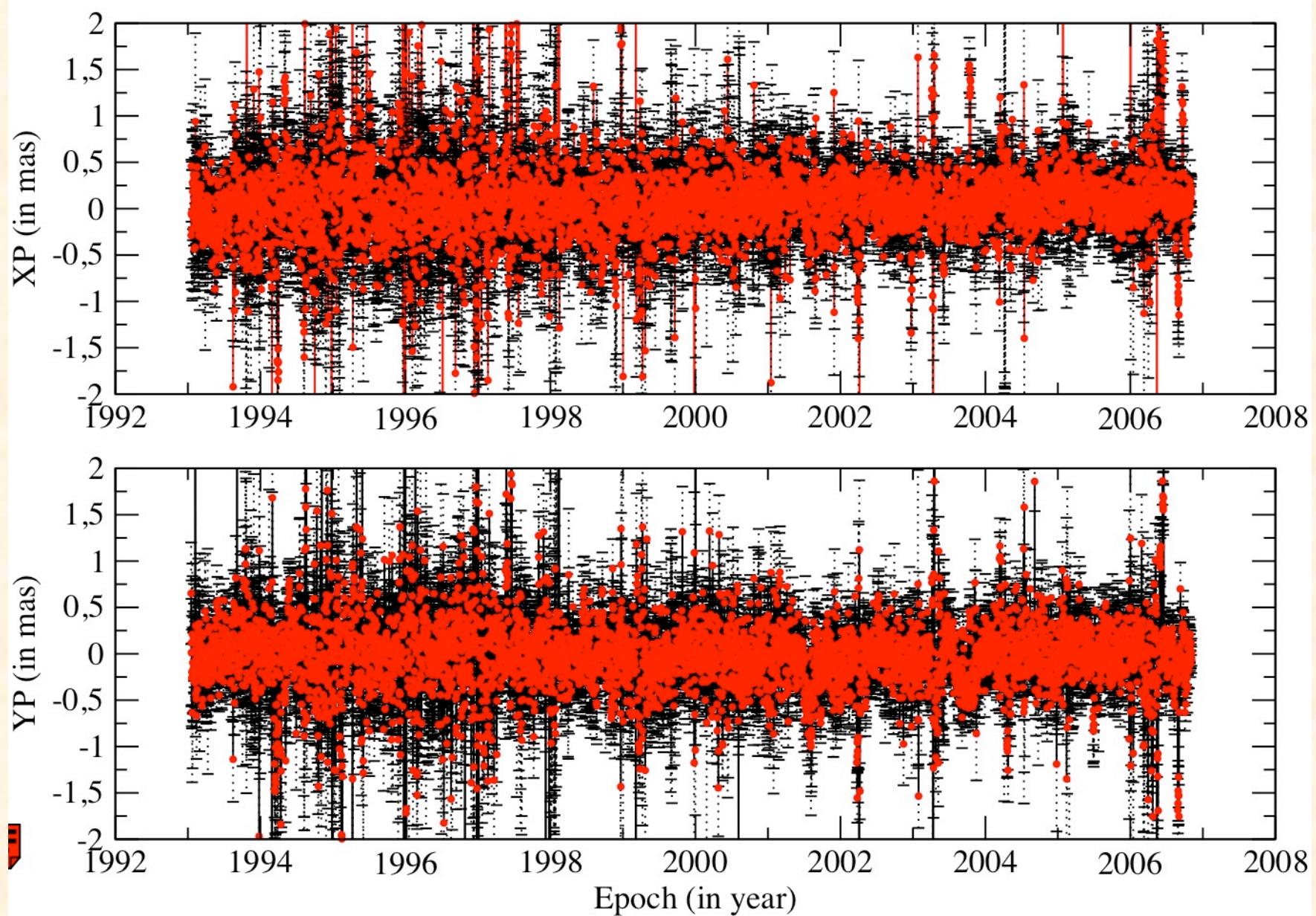
Post-fit reference frame: 1993-2007

scale factor

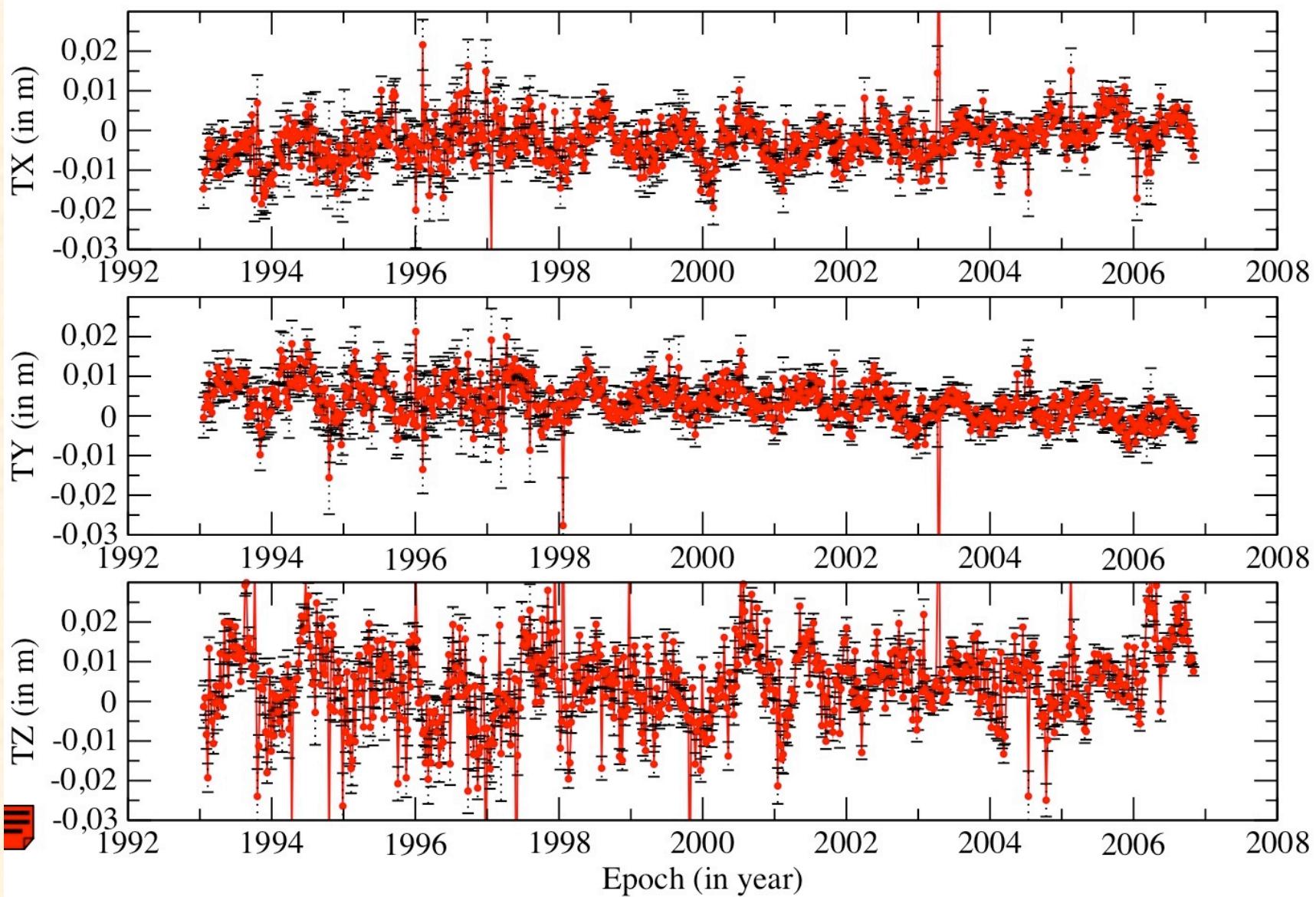


Post-fit reference frame: 1993-2007

polar motion (res wrt C04)



Post-fit reference frame: 1993-2007 *transformation parameters*



Post-fit reference frame: 1993-2007 results

	mean	rms
Xp (mas)	0,053	0,287
Yp (mas)	-0,028	0,288

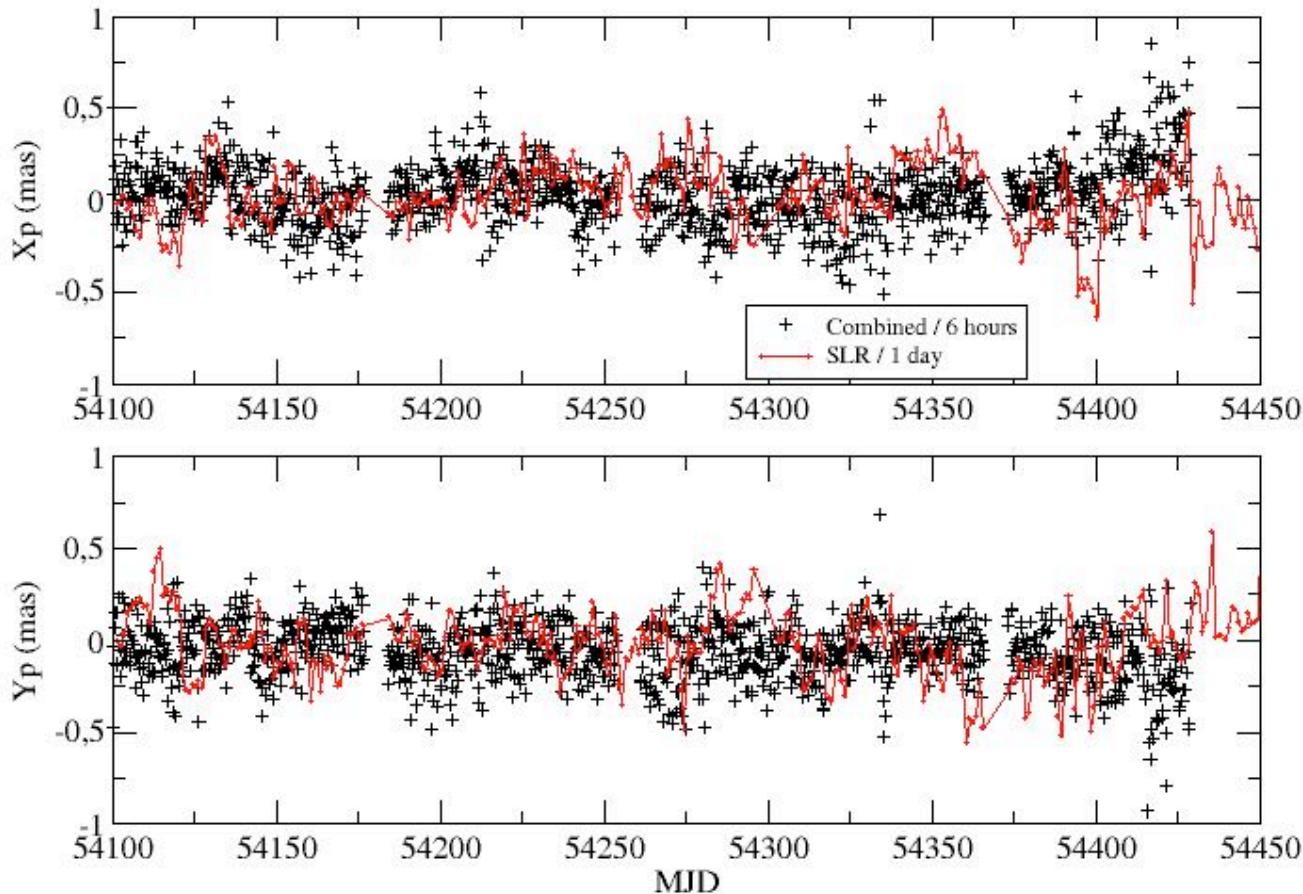
	mean	rms
D (mm)	-3,8	4,16

	mean	rms
Tx (mm)	-1,99	4,96
Ty (mm)	2,97	4,5
Tz (mm)	6,55	8,77

Inversion LA1 - LA2

- CRC
 - Empirical Orbital parameters
Re-estimated under constraint
 - Stacking LA1-LA2
 - Constraints:
 - pole : $\pm 1m$*
 - stations à $\pm 1m$*
 - Deriving SINEX file + projection ITRF 05
- ILRS
 - MATLO : dynamical strategy (same parameters as orbit modelling)
 - Bias : ILRS strategy :
No estimated bias, except for 4 stations, other bias only applied (ASI list)

Comparaison sol. SLR, sol. combinée / C04



Time series: Degree 2

Osculating orbits: LA1, LA2

